



Mid-America Library Alliance

Metro Area Reader's Round Table
United We Read 2013 – *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

Program Ideas for *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

CBS news video interview with Zamperini and Hillenbrand
<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7409886n>

Programming ideas

Themes:

Sports: Running 4 minute mile
Sports historian/local running group

Olympics: Berlin 1936 Jesse Owens Hitler
Documentaries etc.

Military Service :

Fort Leavenworth museum
<http://usacac.army.mil/cac2/csi/FrontierArmyMuseum.asp>
Support for today's troops donation drive : e.g. Books for Troops

Veterans:

readjustment after military life - VA or other organization speaker

PTSD history of recognition VA or mental health

Injured Veterans: support /donation drive VA hospital; DAV

Honor remaining WWII veterans - local programming
Oral history projects

War in the Pacific

Raise awareness of 70th anniversary of famous battles 2013-on
WWII historian

Families of Military

support groups
USO

Home front:

Fairfax KCK Bomber plant WYCO History Museum display
http://www.wycomuseum.org/WCM_exhibits.html

Online exhibits Smithsonian? NARA? Other

Other plants in MO / KS?



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POW

Loss of dignity/victimization – per Zamperini local former POW group – Vietnam/Korean veterans groups

Japanese POW camps brutality vs. US or German

Kansas Humanities Council Speakers bureau are available to KS Libraries through a grant application process. <http://kansashumanities.org/v2/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/SB-catalog-OCT-1.pdf>

Outside KS contact speaker directly.

From Fatherland to Farmland: German POWs in the Great Plains

PowerPoint.

Presented by Matthew Thompson.

Matthew is a registrar at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum.

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Atomic Bomb use of: pro vs. con

Military/ Political/Scientific/Ethical Panel discussion (JCCC/Rockhurst/UMKC)

Zamperini and POWS would have died in an invasion

Thousands of US/allied troops would have died

Redemption

Billie Graham effect on Zamperini and others/ today – religious studies department JCCC/UMKC/Rockhurst/

Forgiveness/hate - Psychologist/religious speaker

Zamperini believes hate is self destructive

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (Hillenbrand)

Medical program discussion - contact KUMC or other hospital

Film series:

Great Escape

Bridge over the River Kwai

USO

Canteens, shows, importance of support

Living History programs

WWII enactors?

Tuskegee Angels of World War II

Hobbyists or model clubs

Dioramas



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Displays/programs of model airplanes/tanks/ships

Uniforms/Gear/ medals

Veterans / families invited to display and talk about

Music

Big Band Nite/ USO style party

Art

Photograph display

Tail art

Pin up girls

Poster War Bonds Drives

Food

Rationing

MRI

Victory Gardens

Creation of special foods e.g. M&M's (here is KC, MO)

Recipes – Ritz cracker/mock apple pie

Include dates and links for

Local air shows (usually have a vintage aircraft)

Veteran's Day/ Memorial Day Observances

YA Book:

Left for Dead: a Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis by Pete Nelson; forward by Scott Hunter

Left for Dead by Pete Nelson explains how the research of 11-year-old Hunter Scott who was inspired by a passing reference in the movie Jaws uncovered the truth behind a historic WWII naval disaster aboard the USS Indianapolis and led to the reversal of the wrongful court martial of the ship's captain. A full-color photographic inset and a preface by the now 17-year-old Scott round out the volume.

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Webcasts

Suggestion to have Scott Hunter do a piece for the Webcast; he is approx. 22 years old now.