

Northwest History Network Event – Thursday, February 16, 2017

Presentations on the Incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II

Executive Order 9066, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on February 19, 1942, led to the forced removal and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. As the 75th anniversary of the signing of the executive order approaches, Todd Mayberry and Morgen Young will discuss the history of the Japanese American wartime experience. The presentations will occur at the Belmont Library in Portland on Thursday, February 16, 2017, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the library's meeting room - <https://multcolib.org/library-location/belmont>. The Belmont Library is located at 1038 SE César E. Chávez Blvd., Portland, OR 97214. The event is free and open to NHN Associates and the general public. RSVP requested via email at bryans1212@q.com or by phone at 503-747-9652.

Here are more details about the presenters:

Todd Mayberry is the coordinator of the Oregon Heritage Commission which is part of Oregon Heritage, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Mayberry previously served as the director of collections and exhibits at the Oregon Nikkei Endowment and worked for the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington.

From wartime hysteria to racist policy, Mayberry will address the conditions that led to the unjust incarceration of people of Japanese ancestry, the majority of whom were American citizens, during World War II.

Morgen Young is a Project Historian with Historical Research Associates, a history and cultural resource management consulting firm. She specializes in exhibit development, oral history, and digital history. Her work has covered a broad range of subject matter, including Pacific Northwest history, ethnic and immigration history, community history, history of medicine, and architectural history.

Young will discuss her work as the project director of [*Uprooted: Japanese American Farm Labor Camps During World War II*](#). Executive Order 9066 laid the groundwork for the forced removal and incarceration of more than 120,000 U.S. residents of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast to inland concentration camps. Between 1942 and 1944, some 33,000 individual contracts were issued for seasonal farm labor, with many working in the sugar beet industry. The *Uprooted* exhibit introduces their story.