

Wednesday Night Films

7:00 pm

Julie Otsuka's book *When the Emperor Was Divine* is the 2007 selection for "Cheshire Reads One Book One Town". The book tells the story of a Japanese American family's experience in a relocation camp during World War II. This film series will enhance your reading experience by offering background information on this little-known part of America's history.

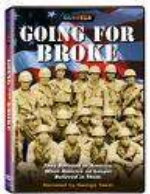
August 1 *Time of Fear* - An excellent overview of the impact the internment had on the lives of the 16,000 people who were sent to two camps in southeast Arkansas. Documentary, not rated, 2005, 60 min.



August 8 *Unfinished Business* - This is the story of three men who defied the government and were separately convicted and imprisoned for violating Executive Order 9066. It catches up with them 40 years later as they fight to overturn their original convictions. Documentary, not rated, 2005, 58 minutes



August 15 *Going for Broke* - Archival footage and interviews with veterans chronicle the achievements and the eventual impact of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a segregated U.S. Army unit comprised mostly of Japanese Americans. Documentary, not rated, 2005, 75 min.



August 22 *Go for Broke* - This 1951 movie stars Van Johnson as Mike Grayson, the commanding officer of the 442nd. It depicts the regiment's prowess as soldiers and shows how Grayson's prejudice slowly erodes as his respect for his men grows. Several members of the 442nd appear as part of the cast. Feature film, not rated, 1951, 92 minutes



August 29 *Come See the Paradise* - Set against the backdrop of a dramatic and controversial period in American history, this story follows the romance and eventual marriage of Irish American Jack McGurn and Japanese American Lily Dawanura at the outset of World War II. Feature film, rated R, 2006, 133 minutes



Films will be shown in the Mary Baldwin Room.

Light snacks will be available.

The film series is free. A suggested donation of \$5.00 will be appreciated.