

#### Newsletter May 2024



### PICK OF THE MONTH

Each month we will be asking a member of the OCCC Community for their favorite OCCC item of that month.

This month Melissa Batchelor, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, has chosen "The Librarian of Auschwitz" as her pick.

She writes: "The Librarian of Auschwitz is an historical fiction story written about a young girl during the Holocaust, who figured out how to have books that could be read to the children in the internment camp during a horrible and life altering experience. I enjoyed reading about how Dita persevered to ensure the joy of stories amid such dark times and allowed the children to escape the miserable circumstances they were living in the camps. This story reminds me about how resilient the human spirit is in the face of such unimaginable hardship. At the end of the book, there were real life details provided about several characters in the book, which was very appealing to me."



### **OCCC LIBRARY SPRING SURVEY**

OCCC students were able to participate in our Spring survey, here are some of the comments they left for us:

- This is my first term and the library has already helped by explaining their resources in one of my classes, providing a great place to conduct research, and retrieving much needed articles.
- Yeah, the library staff are so amazing. From helping me find a text book, loaning a study room, or even listening to my speech for a class. Darci and Shannon are the best!
- I really enjoy using the private study rooms in the library. It is the best type of space for me to work in, and I'm glad my college has it.



# NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH Awareness Month

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. Throughout the month we will have items displayed dealing with mental health awareness and suicide prevention with a focus on veteran and military mental health. Thank you Tracy Jones, OCCC Student Resource Coordinator, and the Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs Grant for the donation of the majority of these items.



### ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

All through May we will be displaying books by Asian American and Pacific Islander authors in honor of National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. A selection of fiction will be displayed on the table by the Library Services window. Take a look at our word search to the right and see if you can find the names of famous Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

#### NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC Islandersheritage Month Word Search

See if you can find all the names of famous Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in this puzzle.

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Dante Basco John Cho Auli'i Cravalho Darren Criss Dwayne Johnson Jason Momoa



# **CINCO DE MAYO**

We will be displaying books by Mexican authors and authors of Mexican descent in the Library all through May in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

