Miss Mie Celebrates 90th Birthday with Grand Opening Exhibition and “Family Day” at University of Nebraska State Museum

Miss Mie, one of 58 friendship dolls sent from Japan in the late 1920s, is celebrating her 90th birthday. As a long time resident of the anthropology collection located in Morrill hall on the University of Nebraska - Lincoln campus, the occasion marks the return of Miss Mie from her goodwill tour in her original home city of Mie Prefecture in Japan.

The day’s events will include a ribbon cutting, musical performance from New York based Masayo Ishigure and activities for the whole family. Regular museum admission rules apply, so check out museum.unl.edu for full details and make plans to join us for this exciting event!

Miss Mie is presented in partnership with the University of Nebraska Kawasaki Reading Room’s 25th anniversary, Lincoln based Morio USA, Nebraska State Historical Society, and the University of Nebraska State Museum.

Upcoming Events

Cooking Class
Thurs., Sept. 28 5 – 6 p.m.
Wellness Kitchen, East Campus
Registration Required for this Event

Miss Mie 90th Birthday
Family Day & Exhibit Grand Opening
Sun., Oct. 1, Noon - 2 p.m.
Morrill Hall

Moon Festival
Thurs., Oct. 18, 5 – 6 p.m.
Kawasaki Reading Room

Students Share Their Creative Side With Painting At “Party at the Union”

The Kawasaki Reading Room’s booth at “Party at the Union” on August 19 was bursting with creative energy as students enjoyed painting their own fan or banner. We were wowed with many of the final results and were obliged by the many students who posed for a photo with their creations. To see more photos from the evening, visit our Facebook page!
Patron Crafted Origami Tree Highlight of Birthday Celebration

Kawasaki turned 25 this year on the University of Lincoln-Nebraska campus. Since our inception in 1992, thanks in part to the gracious funding by Kawasaki Motors, we have been proud to serve both students and the local community with resources in both Japanese and English to help share the Japanese culture with the city of Lincoln and beyond.

At our birthday celebration event, tea and mochi was served as visitors folded origami cranes or koi. Both animals were chosen as they are traditional symbols of good luck and prosperity in Japanese culture.

After completion, the origami were hung on a decorative tree for display. Birthday notes were also filled out and hung on the tree amongst the lines of crane and koi. The tree is now on display in the reading room, and patrons are still welcomed to continue folding origami or add a new birthday note throughout the semester.

Kawasaki Reading Room Seeks to Expand Collections With New Additions in Books and Video

The Kawasaki Reading Room has not tired in our pursuit of relevant and modern additions to the collection. Recently, the library is looking to complete the Miyazaki feature length film series. The team is also researching for new additions not only in books, but to enhance the existing DVD collection. Keep a look out on social media for the announcement of new additions, or revisit If you have a suggestion for new titles or requests, feel free to contact the Reading Room via email, phone or social media.

Please note: all titles must be appropriate and adhere to University policies. All requests are screened, and KRR may reject submissions that do not meet quality standards.