

NEWS from the Underwood Public Library

Subject: Book Discussion Focuses on Pulitzer Prize-Winning Work on the Mandan
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The Heritage Book Series continues at the Underwood Public Library at 2:00pm Sunday, April 10. Dakota Goodhouse will lead a discussion of *Encounters at the Heart of the World: A History of the Mandan People*, by Elizabeth Fenn. The book won the Pulitzer Prize for history in 2015.

This is the second in a series of book discussions hosted by the library, with a third 2:00pm Sunday session scheduled on April 24. Books for discussion, along with other informational materials, are available for checkout at the Underwood Public Library.

Details about the discussion series are given at the project website, here - <http://heritagerenewal.org/nphf/bookclub.htm>

Mr. Goodhouse, an enrolled Standing Rock Sioux, is instructor of Native American studies at United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck. He is the author of the notable weblog, *First Scout*, devoted to Native American culture and American western history. Also a talented artist and musician, Goodhouse's presentations and performances across the region have made him a well-known and popular public speaker.

The Fenn book under discussion on Sunday April 10, *Encounters at the Heart of the World*, is a critical and popular favorite. "From start to finish," writes one reviewer, "Fenn immerses readers in a strictly Native world—specifically, the Mandan peoples of present-day North Dakota—where everything from the names of the seasons to the spaces the Mandans occupied or revered are reconstructed from the Mandan perspective." The book offers readers a knowledgeable view of Mandan life never before available in print.

The public is cordially invited to join in the discussion on April 10. It is made possible by a grant from the Northern Plains Heritage Foundation, as a contribution to educational programming in the Northern Plains National Heritage Area. Organization for the discussion series has been provided by the Center for Heritage Renewal, North Dakota State University.

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