

April 8, 1942

Miss Anne Margrave, Librarian  
Inyo County Free Library  
Independence, California

Dear Miss Margrave:

The School of Librarianship at the University of California graduated one Japanese librarian. Her name is Ayame Ichiyama and her address at last accounts was 1441 Scott Street, San Francisco. She graduated around 1938 I believe. She is about 37 years old. Due to the evacuation I do not know where Miss Ichiyama could be reached but perhaps the people at the camp will know about the method of finding her.

We have seven Japanese on our staff at present. We have been told that the Personnel Board is filing charges against all Japanese and that ours will be dismissed within the next week or ten days probably. They are all young people who are working in a clerical capacity. However, all of them could do something in the library if they should happen to be sent to Manzanar. I can give you their names if you think it worth while.

I have heard nothing further from Mrs. Lucy Adams. I think it possible, however, that only the Colorado camps will be under her jurisdiction as that is an Indian reservation. However, just as soon as she appears here, I shall let you know what I find out. I cannot correspond with her in California because I do not know where she is.

I agree with you that the man at the camp who wanted to put small groups in all the community houses is not very good library practice. Perhaps as you suggest they can have a main library and some reading rooms throughout the camp. That would really be a better plan if there would be somebody responsible in charge of the main collection.

Miss Finster wrote today to inquire about service to the evacuated Japanese. She said that she and her staff are interested. I will write and find out more about their

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Interest and keep you in touch with everything I find out.

Sincerely yours,

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