

Hiroshima and Nagasaki

A small Library [in a] suburb of Pittsburgh held an event with folding 1000 origami cranes and introducing some Japanese culture for the 70th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings.

The Library Director, Ms. D Agostino introduced a children's book called "Sadako," who suffered from the radiation from the bombing. Sadako started folding a thousand cranes but she dies before finishing it.

Ms. Cindy D Agostino: When I read this story I'm in tears.

From the Post-Gazette article:

Ms. Cindy D Agostino, Library Director: "We like to broaden our horizons and bring different cultures into the library so everybody can learn something new."

On NBC it says, "The first ever atomic bomb was dropped and Japan surrendered." On NPR: "America dropped an atomic bomb in Hiroshima on August 8, then in Nagasaki on the 8th. 140000 people died and the city was destroyed. 2 weeks later Japan officially surrendered.

There is a difference with the way they say it.

NY times; On the Front page, there are 2 pictures titled "Hiroshima now and then." On the 3rd page there is the story of Hiromi Hasai, 84 years old. When the atomic bomb destroyed his city and killed hundreds of his classmates who were in the city he had been pulled from school to make machine gun bullets only 10 miles out of town. He fortunately or ironically survived.

'Today, however, the depth of that sentiment is being severely tested. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, the first Japanese leader born after the war, is working to loosen restrictions on Japan's military power imposed by the victorious Allies. He is not the first prime minister to seek more freedom of action for Japan, but he is taking the project a step further than his predecessors. Three generations after the conflict, he argues that Japan has earned the right to be a more normal country.'

Beautifully decorated 1000 cranes [at the library] will be send to Hiroshima.