

Iowa community college observes "Year of Ukraine" (Summary)

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At Des Moines Area Community College in central Iowa, faculty, administrators, staff and students took a close look at Ukraine during the 2001- 2002 academic year.

" A steering committee of some 20 college staff members and a couple of central Iowa residents with close ties to Ukraine met monthly for more than a year to plan activities.

Among the books chosen were "Borderland: A Journey through the History of Ukraine" by Anna Reid; "Return to Ukraine" by Ania Savage; "The Sky Unwashed" by Irene Zabytko; and "Dead Souls" by Nikolai Gogol.

Using her "Kupalo Night" tapestry and other of her works as illustrations, she spoke of the rich Ukrainian heritage.

" Having participated in a high school exchange with Iowa several years earlier, Natasha Boychenko enrolled at DMAACC.

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