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Virtual screening

WE ARE LITTLE ZOMBIES
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Every month, both our physical and digital libraries introduce brand new materials. Check out this month's new physical content with the [May New Arrivals](#) list and new digital offerings on the [JF Canada Digital Library](#).

If you haven't stopped by our centre for a while, be sure to check out the new exhibition: [A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters](#). Please note that while we open on Saturdays, our centre is closed on **May 20** for the Victoria Day holiday.

From **May 10-24**, TIFF will present [POP Japan: Suzuki Seijun](#). For a pre-screening primer on this iconic director, watch [The Cinema of SUZUKI Seijun](#) presentation by Dr. William Carroll on our YouTube channel!

Our [LIVE HOUSE FILM](#) series continue on **May 19-21** with the online screening of [We Are Little Zombies](#), a weird and fun coming-of-age comedy-drama. On **June 3**, stop by the Scarborough Town Centre for a special in-person screening of [On-Gaku: Our Sound!](#)

If you're in Montreal, make sure to sign up for JFT's first ever French-language talk in Quebec on **May 16!** Hosted by UQAM, Dr. Valérie Harvey will discuss Japan's paternity leave policies in [Étudier et comprendre la famille japonaise d'aujourd'hui / Studying the Modern Japanese Family](#).

For more upcoming JFT events, community news, as well as online resources, **see details below.**

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Now - June 15	ONLINE FILM SCREENINGS	JFF+ Independent Cinema
Now - September 9	GALLERY EXHIBITION	A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters
May 16	IN-PERSON TALK	Étudier et comprendre la famille japonaise d'aujourd'hui / Studying the Modern Japanese Family
May 19 - 21	ONLINE FILM SCREENING	We Are Little Zombies
May 24	ONLINE TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Let's get together! Japanese Language Teachers in Canada 12
May 27 - 28	IN-PERSON VISIT	Doors Open Toronto 2023
June 3	IN-PERSON FILM SCREENING	On-Gaku: Our Sound
June 10	ONLINE TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Online Network for Heritage Language Education 9

UPCOMING EVENTS



Online Teachers' Professional Development
Étudier et comprendre la famille japonaise d'aujourd'hui / Studying the Modern Japanese Family

Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

In-Person Event @ UQAM | Admission Free | Registration Required
 | Conducted in French & Japanese | Refreshments will be served

You are invited to a lecture by Dr. Valérie Harvey, where she will discuss her experiences researching the modern Japanese family, the dynamics between parents in relation to childcare, and changes in Japanese paternity leave as a result of the government's response to Japan's rapidly falling birthrate.

Quelles sont les raisons qui influencent le désir d'enfant des femmes japonaises? Quelle est la place des pères dans leur famille? L'implication des pères japonais a-t-il changé depuis que le gouvernement a mis en place des mesures pour les encourager? Et comment la situation japonaise se compare à l'utilisation des congés de paternité au Québec et au Canada? Cette conférence explorera les réponses à ces

questions à travers les résultats d'une maîtrise de sociologie sur les femmes japonaises, d'un doctorat portant sur les pères québécois et d'un postdoctorat supporté par une bourse de la Fondation Japon, ayant pour thème l'utilisation des congés parentaux par les pères et l'image changeante des mères au Japon.

[Register here](#)

LIVE HOUSE FILMS ライブハウス映画特集



We Are Little Zombies

Friday, May 19, 5:59 PM (ET) to Sunday, May 21, 11:59 PM (ET)
Virtual Film Screening | Admission Free | Registration Required

Their parents are dead. They should be sad, but they can't cry. So they form a kick-ass band. This is the story of four 13-year-olds in search of their emotions.

[Register here](#)



On-Gaku: Our Sound

Saturday, June 3, 1:00 PM (ET)
Cineplex Cinemas Scarborough | Admission Free | Registration Required

One summer's day, a group of delinquent high-school kids, who've never touched an instrument in their lives, decide to form a band.

[Details here](#)



Further Explore the World of J-Rock & Japanese Indie Music with JFT Library Items!

Deepen your appreciation of J-rock and Japanese indie music with [JFT Library's items curated for the Live House Film Series program!](#) With our selection of fiction and nonfiction books/manga and audiovisual materials, you will gain a deeper understanding of the history and culture behind this exciting genre. Whether you are a die-hard fan or new to the scene, we hope the library items will enrich your Live House Film Series experience!

Apply for a new library card or renew your expired card [here](#).

*Missed the virtual film screening of [Live from Tokyo](#) on May 5 - 7? Borrow JFT Library's [DVD](#) of this inspiring documentary about the ever-evolving and multifaceted indie and underground music culture in Tokyo!

[Check Library Item List](#)



Online Teachers' Professional Development Let's get together! Japanese Language Teachers in Canada 12

Wednesday, May 24, 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM (ET)

Theme: What projects are you working on?

Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required

In the 12th session, we will exchange information on projects we are implementing in class.

[Register here](#)



Online Teachers' Professional Development Online Network for Heritage Language Education 9

Saturday, June 10, 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM (ET)

Theme: Sharing ideas for Japanese language learning during the summer holiday

Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required | Conducted in Japanese only

In this 9th session, we will share and exchange ideas, information, and experiences (useful websites, stories about temporary school enrollment in Japan, ways to keep children motivated, etc.) to help children continue their Japanese language study during the summer holiday.

[Register here](#)



Volunteer Opportunities JFT Gallery Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to help with the JFT Gallery. Shifts take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 11:30 - 4:30 PM and are roughly 2.5 hours each. Tasks include greeting visitors, answering basic questions, and monitoring the safety of artwork at the JFT.

[Apply here](#)

ONGOING EVENTS

Library News

JF Canada Digital Library: Newly Added Ebooks and Audiobooks

Check out new ebooks and audiobooks just added to [JF Canada Digital Library!](#) Manga enthusiasts who crave a unique twist on the police genre shouldn't miss [Police in a Pod](#), an award-winning manga series created by former police officer YASU

Miko; Alexander Bennett's [An Insider's Guide to the Japanese Martial Art](#) takes you on a fascinating journey, providing deep insights and revealing the rich cultural heritage behind these



revered disciplines; delight in the adorable world of [Little Chicks](#) by GOMI Taro, a heartwarming picture book following a charming group of fluffy friends on their playful and endearing adventures; and more!

Apply for a new library card or renew your expired card [here](#).

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Library News
May New Arrivals

[Visit the library](#) to borrow newly arrived titles! Warm your heart with HASE Seishu's novel [The Boy and the Dog](#), a touching tale about survival, resilience, and the powerful bond between humans and a dog; readers with a taste for the absurd should check out YAGI Emi's novel [Diary of a Void](#) following a 34-year-old protagonist who navigates a fake pregnancy with dry humor and witty observations; embark on a mesmerizing space adventure with a Blu-ray of the anime classic [Galaxy Express 999 : TV Series Collection 2](#) (for those watching this anime for the first time, start from [Collection 1](#)); and more!

[See full list here](#)

[Place a hold for pickup](#)



Gallery Exhibition
A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters

Dates: Now to September 9, 2023
Admission Free | Pre-registrations now open! | Open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays
****Open for Doors Open Weekend of May 27-28**



A Sense of Movement is an impressive international exhibition that explores the connection between Japanese graphic design and sports. Our collection presents a total of 68 pieces from 24 designers, from young professionals to great graphic design masters, who introduces the means to creatively convey sports and movement through two-dimensional printed media. Starting April 20, join us to experience the fruit of Japan's rich graphic design culture, from the 1964 Tokyo Summer Olympics to present day.

[Details here](#)

[Book your visit](#)

Dive Deeper into the World of Japanese Sports Posters with JFT Library's Book List

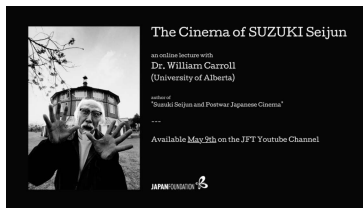
Have you already visited JFT gallery exhibition [A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters](#)? Fully immerse yourself in



the world of Japanese sports posters by borrowing materials from the JFT library's curated [book list](#) before or after visiting the gallery! The [book list](#) includes select titles on Japanese sports, graphic design, and the designers behind this dynamic art form. Whether you are a sports fan or graphic designer/art lover, this book list will provide valuable insights and inspiration to deepen your understanding and appreciation of this captivating intersection of art and sport.

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[Details here](#)



Online Talk
The Cinema of SUZUKI Seijun
Presented by Dr. William Carroll

Available now on JFT YouTube channel

With TIFF's POP Japan series currently running, we invite you to join Dr. William Carroll (University of Alberta) for a primer on the cinema of iconic convention-breaking filmmaker, SUZUKI Seijun. Dr. Carroll will take you through an introduction to Suzuki's body of work and explore key arguments from his recently published book, *Suzuki Seijun and Postwar Japanese Cinema*. The lecture will be followed by a pre-recorded Q&A session.

This lecture is held in-conjunction with the [Suzuki Seijun Retrospective Tour](#), which is currently making its way across major Canadian cities, including Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, and Vancouver.

[Watch here](#)

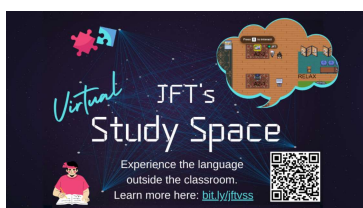


Japanese Language Classes
JFT Japanese Language Classes

Online | Registration Required

Are you looking for somewhere to continue studying Japanese? We offer classes for various levels.

[Register here](#)



Japanese Language Classes
JFT Virtual Study Space

Online Space | Admission Free | Registration Required

Looking for a space to practice the Japanese language outside of class? Want to connect with fellow learners from all over Canada (or study alone if you wish)? Our free online 24/7 JFT Virtual Study Space is now open to all learners of Japanese in Canada. Here, learners can practice speaking, complete weekly language challenges, play games, chill, study together or alone, and more.

[Register here](#)

JAPAN FOUNDATION SUPPORTED EVENTS



TIFF Cinematheque

POP Japan: Suzuki Seijun

May 10 to May 24

Film Series | Ticket Admission: Prices Vary

TIFF is honouring the centenary of master director SUZUKI Seijun with a showcase of six of his films all in 35mm prints. [POP Japan: Suzuki Seijun](#) is a celebration of the iconoclastic filmmaker whose pop-art approach innovated genres from pulp crime to the period ghost story, and influenced notable directors such as Quentin Tarantino, Jim Jarmusch, and Park Chan-wook. In conjunction with the [Suzuki Seijun Retrospective Tour](#).

[Details here](#)



TIFF Cinematheque

POP Japan

May 10 to June 27

Film Screening Series | Ticket Admission: Prices Vary

POP Japan is a series celebrating the convergence of the cult, pulp, and popular in Japanese film and art, running at TIFF Bell Lightbox from May 10 to June 27. *POP Japan* includes three film series: *Seijun Suzuki*, marking the director's centenary with six 35mm prints; *World of Anime*, a survey of Japan's most influential anime films, co-curated by Yuki Ohsawa; and *Miyazaki Spotlight*, a four-film ode to the "godfather of animation" and co-founder of Studio Ghibli.

[Details here](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto

Sakura Cherry Blossoms in Ontario 2023

On-going until Mid-May

In-person & Online Events | Some registration required

SAKURA, cherry blossoms, have played a significant role in the history of Japan-Canada and Japan-Ontario relations since 1959, when the people of Tokyo presented 2,000 cherry trees to Toronto. Since then, Japanese and Japanese Canadian individuals and organizations have planted Sakura trees in

various places around the province. A major example of this is the Sakura Project which planted 3082 Sakura trees around Ontario from 2000 to 2012.

To commemorate this year's sakura season, the Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto have compiled an on-going list of viewing locations, sakura-related contests and giveaways, and various celebrations taking place both virtually and in-person throughout the GTA.

[Details here](#)



Ohara School of Ikebana The 49th Annual Spring Floral Exhibition

Sunday, May 28, 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)
In-person Event @ Toronto Botanical Garden | Admission: \$10.00

You are invited to the Ohara School of Ikebana Toronto Chapter's annual spring floral exhibition. Demonstrations by Ohara masters and instructor will commence at 2:00 PM. Children under 12 enter for free.

[Details here](#)



Nagata Shachu FLOW

Saturday, June 10, 8:00 PM (ET)
Live Concert | Ticketed Admission: Prices Vary

Nagata Shachu and next-generation Japanese taiko soloist Masayuki Sakamoto will embrace *flow* – the mental state in which a person is fully immersed in a feeling of energized focus, full involvement, and enjoyment in the process. This spellbinding season finale will weave together Nagata Shachu's traditional taiko rhythms with Sakamoto's rebellious rock n roll musical sensibilities, while hypnotically immersed in the flow state.

[Details here](#)

ONLINE RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS



Gallery, Visual Arts Recommendation MANGA - 4. The Spread of Manga Culture

With English narration | 14 min. 50 sec.

Watch here



Performing Arts Recommendation
Noh Costumes: Flowers on the Stage

59 min. 33 sec. | Narrated in English

Watch here



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