

May 18, 2023



We're exciting to announce our participation in Toronto's annual Doors Open event! On **May 27 and 28**, we welcome any and all visitors to our centre to celebrate the *Sounds of Japan!* You can check out our ongoing exhibition: [A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters](#), play a game organized by Library staff, watch animated shorts, and more!

Looking for something relaxing to do over the long weekend? Register anytime between **May 19 and 21** to receive a free link to watch the online screening of [We Are Little Zombies](#), a comedy-drama that celebrates music and creativity. On **June 3**, our [LIVE HOUSE FILMS](#) series concludes with a special in-person screening of [On-Gaku: Our Sound](#) at the Scarborough Town Centre. You won't want to miss it!

On **June 20**, we're introducing our first [hybrid-style JFT Book Club](#). Join us in our Library or from home for Silent Reading time, and then participate in the optional discussion portion. The theme of this book club is LGBTQIA+ books!

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	<u>JFF+ Independent Cinema</u>
Now - September 9	GALLERY EXHIBITION	<u>A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters</u>
May 19 - 21	ONLINE FILM SCREENING	<u>We Are Little Zombies</u>
May 24	ONLINE TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<u>Let's get together! Japanese Language Teachers in Canada 12</u>
May 27 - 28	WEEKEND EVENT	<u>Doors Open Toronto 2023</u>
June 3	FILM SCREENING	<u>On-Gaku: Our Sound</u>
June 10	ONLINE TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<u>Online Network for Heritage Language Education 9</u>
June 20	LIBRARY EVENT	<u>JFT Book Club (Hybrid) – With Silent Reading Time – LGBTQIA+ Books</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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](#)



In-Person Event

Doors Open 2023: Sounds of Japan at JFT

Saturday, May 27 & Sunday, May 28, 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM (ET)

Open Event | Admission Free

JFT is excited to be participating in the city's annual Doors Open event again! We'll be opening our doors once again on May 27 and May 28, along with more than 100 other buildings and sites across Toronto. This year, the theme is "City of Sound," and we are delighted to bring the *Sounds of Japan* to Toronto for everyone to enjoy. Join us for a special weekend filled with animated films, Japanese sports posters, library games, and fun for the whole family!

[Details 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](#)



Library News

JFT Book Club (Hybrid) – With Silent Reading Time – LGBTQIA+ Books

Tuesday, June 20 @ 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Online & In-Person @ JFT Library | Admission Free | Registration Required



Want more time to read but too many distractions? Now is your chance! JFT Library is starting a new type of hybrid book club meeting where you are invited to read a book in silence in the library (or wherever you want if participating virtually) surrounded by fellow book lovers. Following the silent reading, we provide an optional discussion time for those who wish to connect with other participants, where you could share and learn new perspectives from someone from different backgrounds that you wouldn't gain from reading alone.

The theme for the upcoming book club is "LGBTQIA+" in honor of Pride Season in June. Whether you identify as LGBTQIA+ or simply wish to support and understand this vibrant community, we encourage you to join us to celebrate the diverse narratives and important themes related to LGBTQIA+ experiences through Japan-related literature!

We welcome both seasoned book club members and first-time participants to indulge in the simple pleasure of reading without the pressures of finishing an assigned book on time and sharing their passion for books and/or the theme!

[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](#).

Browse other ebooks and audiobooks



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; MURAKAMI Haruki's [Novelist as a Vocation](#) is a must-read for aspiring writers or anyone curious about the creative process of the literary genius; and more!

[See full list here](#)

[Place a hold for pickup](#)

Gallery Exhibition

A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters



[Details here](#)

[Book your visit](#)

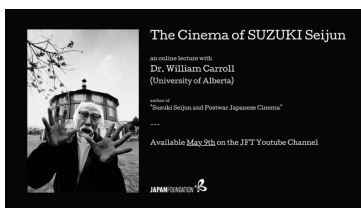
Dive Deeper into the World of Japanese Sports Posters with JFT Library's Book List



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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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

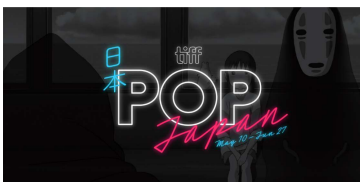


TIFF Cinematheque
POP Japan: Suzuki Seijun

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](#)



Arts Festival Together We Rise Arts Festival

Friday, June 2 & Saturday, June 3
Albert Campbell Square & Scarborough Civic Centre | Admission Free

The *Together We Rise Festival* is a celebration of the Greater Toronto Area’s Asian diaspora’s heritage and artists featuring multi-disciplinary arts programming. The festival is a first-of-its-kind event for Scarborough, presenting multiple disciplines and commissioning original, professional works, and it invites the wider Scarborough community to celebrate Asian Heritage month through this monumental event. Join us in coming together to rise and celebrate our community’s rich heritage and artistic talents!

[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](#)



Music Tour Next Music From Tokyo

Saturday, May 20 to Thursday, May 25
Shows in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver | Ticketed Admission

After a 3-year hiatus, Next Music From Tokyo is back in Canada! For the past 13 years, Next Music From Tokyo has brought the most creative and unique bands from Japan’s fascinating indie music scene to tour Canada. Sadly, this will be their farewell tour. Let’s rock out with them one last time and give them the

curtain call they deserve! Featured bands: Arigarnon Friends, BATROICA METAL SUMMER JACKET, FURUTORI, Heliotrope, and The Hatch.

Our Live House Films series coincides with NMFT's tour dates as a tribute to their incredible legacy. Tour dates: May 20 & 21 (Toronto), May 22 (Montreal), May 24 (Vancouver).

[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](#)



Japanese Studies Program, York University

"Nihongo de Sodateyou" 1st Online Drop-In

Sunday, June 4 @ 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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

Registration deadline: Thursday, June 1

A place to talk freely about raising children in Japanese.
Guest : Ms. Tomoko Bailey

[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 - 5. The World of Female-Focused Manga

With English narration | 11 min. 50 sec.

[Watch here](#)



Performing Arts Recommendation
NHK Symphony Orchestra: Paganini / Violin Concerto No. 1

HIMARI, violin
 Keri-Lynn Wilson, Canadian conductor from Winnipeg
 40 min. 15 sec.

[Watch here](#)



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