

June 15, 2023



PRIDE MONTH FILM SCREENING:
HUSH!
 THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 6:00 PM (ET)
 JFT Event Hall, doors open 5:30 PM

A landmark piece of Japanese LGBTQ cinema
 by pioneering filmmaker HASHIGUCHI Ryosuke



JAPAN FOUNDATION 



Tanabata Star Festival
 Saturday, July 8 @ JFT Library

Immerse in Japanese cultural activities & festivities!

七夕祭り

We're filling up the next month with a diverse selection of events, some of which are already fully booked. Check our website and or follow us on social media to ensure you won't miss out on any exciting!

In celebration of Pride Month, JFT is screening [Hush!](#), a landmark piece of Japanese LGBTQ cinema, on **June 29** at our centre. Sign up for this free screening and stop by early to check out the ongoing exhibition, [A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters](#).

Our [Tanabata Star Festival](#) is back this year on **Saturday, July 8!** Full of fun activities and opportunities for cultural immersion, this festival is great for the whole family. No registration is required to attend.

For the first time, JFT will offer young people interested in Japanese a chance to learn the language. From **July 11 to July 13**, students from grades 7 to 12 can sign up for a virtual [Introduction to Japanese](#). The class lasts just 1 hour each day, and is free of cost. Space is limited, so sign up fast!

For more upcoming JFT events, community news, as well as online resources, [see details below](#).

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Now - September 9	GALLERY EXHIBITION	A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters
June 20	LIBRARY EVENT	JFT Book Club (Hybrid) – With Silent Reading Time – LGBTQIA+ Books [Registration full]
June 24	ONLINE TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	JFT Marugoto Teaching Material Project (4)
June 28	ONLINE TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Information Exchange Meeting for Freelance Japanese Language Teachers 2
June 28	JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASSES	Japan Travel Tips [Registration full]
June 29	FILM SCREENING	Hush!
July 4 - 7	ONLINE TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	2023 Summer Language Brush Up Workshop for Japanese Language Teachers
July 5	ONLINE TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	56th Online 'Sawakai' for Japanese Teachers
July 8	LIBRARY EVENT	Tanabata Star Festival at JFT Library
July 11 - 13	JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASSES	Intro to Japanese for Grades 7-12

UPCOMING EVENTS



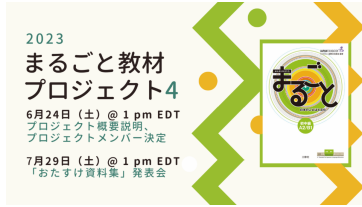
National Indigenous History Month – Explore Japan's Indigenous Peoples with JFT Library's Items!

Do you know indigenous peoples in Japan? June is National Indigenous History Month and it's a great time to learn about Ainu and Ryukyuan peoples! See Ainu culture through the eyes of the characters in the historical fiction manga/anime **Golden Kamuy** [[ebook\(EN\)](#) & [Blu-ray\(EN/JP\)](#) & [physical book\(JP\)](#)] by NODA Satoru; get inspired by beautiful Ainu oral performance traditions with **Ainu Spirits Singing : The Living World of Chiri Yukie's Ainu Shin'yoshu** [[ebook](#) & [physical book](#)] by Sarah M. Strong; learn the secret of exceptional life expectancy in Okinawa with **Traditional Cuisine of the Ryukyu Islands** [[ebook](#) & [physical book](#)] by TAKAGI Rin; dive into the complex yet fascinating history of the Ryukyu island with highly readable and insightful book **Okinawa: The History of an Island People** [[physical book](#)] by George Kerr; and many more!

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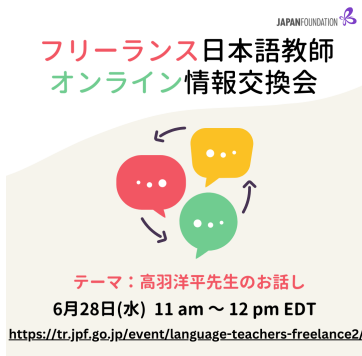


Online Teachers' Professional Development
JFT *Marugoto* Teaching Material Project (4): Creating Support Materials

Saturday, June 24, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM (ET)
Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required | Conducted in Japanese only

We are planning a project to create a collection of materials to be used as a reference by teachers. This current project will target materials to use with Marugoto Pre-Intermediate (A2/B1). On June 24 we will have a session to explain the outline of the project before we ask individuals to confirm their participation, so please feel free to join us if you are interested. The document collection presentation will be on Saturday, July 29.

[Register here](#)



Online Teachers' Professional Development
Information Exchange Meeting for Freelance Japanese Language Teachers 2
Talk by Yohei Takaba [Instagram & Facebook: @tkb774]

Wednesday, June 28, 11:00 AM – Noon (ET)
Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required | Conducted in Japanese only

Let's get together with teachers who are teaching Japanese as a freelance in Canada. Mr. Yohei Takaba, who taught Japanese to children in North Vancouver, will introduce how to create digital teaching materials and their contents, along with stories about himself.

No prior freelance experience is required. Whether you are just starting out or have been doing it for a long time, please feel free to join us!

[Register here](#)



Film Screening
Hush!

Thursday, June 29 @ 6:00 PM (ET)
Film Screening at JFT Event Hall | Admission Free | Registration Required

In celebration of Pride Month, join us for a community film screening of the award-winning *Hush!*, a landmark piece of Japanese LGBTQ cinema directed by pioneering filmmaker HASHIGUCHI Ryosuke. Winner of several festival awards for acting and directing, *Hush!* was also an official selection at the 2002 Cannes Film Festival.

Naoya and Katsuhiro are boyfriends, new in their relationship. Things are uneven at first—Naoya is open and free while Katsuhiro is cautious and closeted—but nothing compares to the chaos that arrives when Asako, a troubled woman with a history of psychiatric problems, abortions, and casual sex, asks Katsuhiro to conceive a child with her.

[Register here](#)



Online Teachers' Professional Development
2023 Summer Language Brush Up Workshop for Japanese Language Teachers

Tuesday, July 4 - Friday, July 7 @ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)
Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required

If you are a Japanese language teacher and would like to brush up on your Japanese this summer, please join this free online language brush up course for Japanese language teachers. The workshop will cover one chapter of Marugoto Intermediate 1 (B1) for 4 days.

[Register here](#)



Online Teachers' Professional Development
Online 'Sawakai' for Japanese Teachers

56 'Sawakai':
Wednesday, July 5, 6:00 PM - 6:40 PM (ET)
Topic: Let's try games we can use in the classroom! Using the number distribution game for Word-Wolf
Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required | Conducted in Japanese only

The JFT Online 'Sawakai' for Japanese Teachers is a place where teachers can share with others how their online classes are going. All topics are welcome, including if you have any ideas you would like to try out, anything you feel a little stuck on, etc. Why not take the opportunity to talk with other teachers from across Canada?

[Register here](#)



Library News
Tanabata Star Festival at JFT Library

Saturday, July 8 @ 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)
Admission Free | Registration not Required

Mark your calendar for a special day of cultural exploration, creativity, and heartfelt wishes at JFT Library! Tanabata (七夕) is a traditional Japanese festival where people make wishes and send them to the stars. Bring your friends and family to experience Japanese festivities, including *tanzaku* wish cards, *kamishibai* storytelling, paper crafts with origami, the chance to try on Yukata (Japanese traditional garment for summer) and a photo booth to capture the memories of this special day!

[Details here](#)



Japanese Language Classes Intro to Japanese for Grades 7-12

Tuesday, July 11 - Thursday, July 13 @ 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)
Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required

In this 3-day mini-course, middle/high school students can learn basic Japanese and develop the skills they need to continue studying the language on their own using the Japan Foundation's own online resources.

[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 (Registration is now full!)

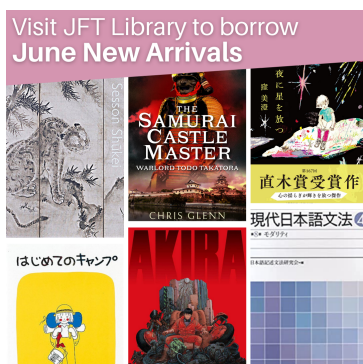


Join our hybrid-style JFT Book Club with silent reading time to celebrate Pride Month through Japan-related literature and manga! For those who are eager to connect and discuss, we also offer an optional discussion session to share your thoughts with other participants.

*Bring your own book or check [JFT Library's LGBTQIA+ Book List \(physical books & ebooks/audiobooks\)](#) to get ideas!

[Details here](#)

ONGOING EVENTS



Library News

June New Arrivals

[Visit the library](#) to borrow newly arrived titles! Transport to thrilling dystopian (then-future) Tokyo with a remastered Blu-ray edition of the iconic anime [Akira \[Blu-ray\]](#) directed by OTOMO Katsuhiro; travel back to the tumultuous era of samurai as you delve into the wide-ranging legacy of TODO Takatora as an exceptional warrior, castle architect and political strategist with [The Samurai Castle Master](#) by Chris Glenn; explore how war, uncertainty, and displacement can spawn untamed creativity of the enigmatic ink painter with [Sesson Shukei : a Zen monk-painter in medieval Japan](#); and more!

[See full list here](#)

[Place a hold for pickup](#)



Music Playlist **JFT Staff Mixtape**

Available now on Spotify and on YouTube

As part of our Doors Open Toronto activities this year, the JFT staff curated an eclectic playlist of their favourite Japanese songs. From J-pop to J-rock to classical music, each JFT staff hand-picked songs that hold special meaning for them and included personal testimonials describing their selections. Read more about the music and listen to the playlist!

[Listen here](#)



Online Interview **Transcending Borders: Author NISHI Kanako in conversation with Dr. Christina Laffin**

Available now on YouTube

If you missed it during its initial release, you can now watch this JFT-exclusive interview. Dr. Christina Laffin (UBC) sits down with Ms. KANAKO Nishi - author of more than twenty novels, essay and short story collections, and children's books - to chat about the transnational themes behind Ms. Nishi's works, her impressions of Canada after living here the last three years, and her thoughts on female authorship in Japan's literary community.

*Click [here](#) to check author details and where you can find her works at JFT Library and online.

[Watch here](#)



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



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](#)



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



Toronto Japanese Film Festival June 8 – June 22

Film Festival | Ticketed Admission: Prices Vary

The [Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre's](#) 12th annual film festival will be presented in person from June 8 to 22 at the JCCC's Kobayashi Hall. The festival has now grown into one of the largest film events of its

kind in the world and is recognized by the Japanese film industry as a vital conduit for bringing Japanese film to the world. The Japan Foundation, Toronto is proud to be a Sustaining Sponsor of the festival.

[Details here](#)



Toronto Japanese Film Festival
***Roleless* 宮松と山下**

Saturday, June 17, 4:00 PM (ET)
Film Screening | Ticketed Admission: Prices Vary

Miyamatsu divides his modest life between jobs as a cable car operator and an extra in Japanese gangster and samurai films. With no family, friends, or memories of the past, he sleepwalks through life. Through a chance meeting, he is confronted with a different life – his own. His true name is Yamashita. He has a sister and a history he decides to investigate. A quiet, consistently surprising and artful film with a superb central performance from KAGAWA Teruyuki.

[Details here](#)



Toronto Japanese Film Festival
***We Make Antiques! Osaka Dreams* 嘘八百 なにわ夢の陣**

Sunday, June 18, 4:00 PM (ET)
Film Screening | Ticketed Admission: Prices Vary

Japan's favourite fine-arts conmen - antique dealer Norio and potter Sasuke - are back so get ready to laugh! Legend tells us there is a set of seven lucky charms that encouraged the success of Hideyoshi, the 16th century ruler of Japan in Osaka. Norio is asked to find the last missing charm, the tea bowl named Houou. But it is also being pursued by another dubious art foundation that is making a fortune with an artist TAIKOH and his spiritual arts. Norio, Sasuke and their close-knit team of skilled forgers team up again to bring the dream treasure into reality and outwit the villains.

[Details here](#)



TIFF Cinematheque
POP Japan: World of Anime
POP Japan: Miyazaki Spotlight

June 1 to June 27
Film Screening Series | Ticket Admission: Prices Vary

POP Japan: World of Anime provides a survey of Japan's most influential anime films, co-curated by Yuki Ohsawa, while *POP Japan: Miyazaki Spotlight* is a four-film ode to the "godfather of animation" and co-founder of Studio Ghibli. There are 5 anime screenings to check out from now until June 27. All screenings are rush-eligible! Ticket availability changes everyday so it is good to check back to see if tickets have been returned.

[Details here](#)



Film Screenings Seijun Suzuki in 35mm

Tuesday, June 20 to Saturday, July 1

Film Screenings at Cinematheque Québécois (Montreal) | Ticketed Admission: Prices Vary

Avant-gardist, sulphurous and indomitable, SUZUKI Seijun never stopped experimenting during a career marked by his dismissal from Nikkatsu studios in 1967. His aesthetic radicalism and his daring detour of genres had a head start. From Jim Jarmusch to Wong Kar-wai, many contemporary filmmakers have claimed his influence. As Suzuki would have been 100 years old this year, Cinematheque Québécois presents six 35mm prints imported for the occasion by the Japan Foundation.

This film series is part of the [SUZUKI Seijun Retrospective Tour](#) that has been making its way across Canada since April. Watch our online lecture [The Cinema of SUZUKI Seijun](#) presented by Dr. William Carroll for a perfect introduction to Suzuki's body of work.

[Details here](#)



Japan Foundation, New York

Commercial Music and Intergenerational Community in the Toyama City Center

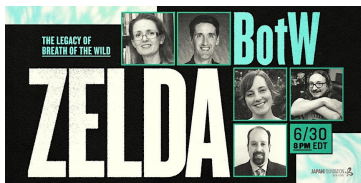
Thursday, June 22 @ 7:00 PM (ET)

Online talk | Admission free | Registration required

In this eighth session of "Illuminating Japanese Studies: Lecture Series with Former JF Fellows," former JF Fellow Dr. W. Donnie Scally will discuss intergenerational creative practices among commercial musicians in the Toyama City Center, drawing on first-hand experience listening, performing, and talking with musicians at performance venues specializing in jazz, blues, and related commercial music.

The discussion will be followed by a live Q&A moderated by JF Former Fellow Dr. Jennifer Matsue.

[Register here](#)



Japan Foundation, New York

The Legend of Zelda: Exploring the Legacy of Breath of the Wild

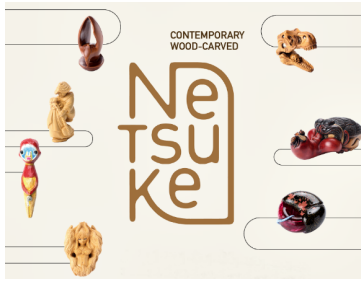
Friday, June 30 @ 8:00 PM (ET)

Online talk | Admission free | Registration required

Since its release in 2017, *Breath of the Wild* is the best-selling game in *The Legend of Zelda* series and is considered one of the greatest video games of all time. It has been described as "groundbreaking," changing how many saw open-world experiences in video games and inspiring many following titles. How did *The Legend of Zelda* become one of the most successful and long-lived franchises in video game history? Why do players keep returning to this series? How is the message of the game conveyed

in the open world and music design? How has gender been represented?

[Details here](#)



Embassy of Japan in Canada

Contemporary Wood-Carved Netsuke

Thursday, June 15 - Sunday, July 9

In-person exhibition @Information and Culture Centre Lobby,
Embassy of Japan in Canada | Admission free

Contemporary Wood-Carved Netsuke, the Japan Foundation's traveling exhibition, is an innovative contemporary crafts exhibition presenting 65 works by contemporary netsuke carvers and artists. A netsuke is a non-slip toggle that has been used since the Edo period (1603-1868) to secure the small personal items such as money pouches, inrō (medicine container), or tobacco containers worn suspended on cords from the obi (a sash worn with kimono). The netsuke has been called a tactile craft. *Nare* in Japanese, and perhaps “patina” in English, changes that arise over time from actually touching them, is regarded as a distinctive resonance that makes netsuke rich and vital.

[Details here](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Hot Docs Cinema

Coda Exhibition On Screen: Tokyo Stories

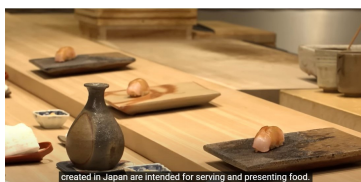
Screenings on June 23, 25, 26, 27

Exhibition Screenings | Ticketed Admission: Prices Vary

Based on a major exhibition at the Ashmolean in Oxford, *Tokyo Stories* spans 400 years of incredibly dynamic art—ranging from the delicate woodblock prints of Hokusai and Hiroshige, to Pop Art posters, contemporary photography, manga, film and brand-new artworks that were created on the streets. The exhibition was a smash-hit five-star success and brought a younger and more diverse audience to the museum. The film uses the exhibition as a launchpad to travel to Tokyo itself, and explore the art and artists of the city more fully.

[Details here](#)

ONLINE RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS



Gallery, Visual Arts Recommendation

YAKISHIME - 4. Better Taste? 【焼締】味が良くなる？

4 min. 32 sec. | with English subtitles

Watch here



Performing Arts Recommendation
Jiuta-Mai Dance: *Yashima* 地唄舞『八島』

Danced by YOSHIMURA Keiin; Sung and Shamisen played by ICHIKAWA Sayoko

Subtitled in English | 16 min. 49 sec.

Watch here



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