


October 26, 2023

 <p>I WISH</p> <p>A miraculous film from KORE-EDA HIROKAZU</p> <p>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 7PM</p> <p>Film Screening at Innis Town Hall Doors Open 6:30PM</p>   	 <p>RESTAURANT FROM THE SKY</p> <p>After cooking an unforgettable meal, a visiting chef inspires a family of dairy farmers in Hokkaido, northern Japan, to open a restaurant.</p> <p>NOVEMBER 3-5</p> <p>Virtual Film Screening Stream Canada-wide</p>  
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Let's Share
Holiday Reading
Recommendations!
読書会

JFT BOOK CLUB (HYBRID)
-WITH SILENT READING TIME-

Thursday, November 16, 2023 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

*No assigned reading! Join us to enjoy simple pleasure of
reading & sharing books at JFT Library or virtually!*



Many apologies for the last-minute cancellation of last Saturday's events. We are working on rescheduling both the [Kamishibai Storytelling time](#) and screening of [Summer Days with Coo](#). Please stay tuned for news of rescheduled event dates.

Looking for something to do on Halloween? On **October 31**, join us at Innis Town Hall for a screening of KORE-EDA Hirokazu's charming family drama [I Wish](#), in anticipation of the [Next Stop Japan](#) events from **November 1-4**, a Union Station pop-up experience.

If you can't make it to [I Wish](#), be sure to tune in for the Canada-wide virtual screening of [Restaurant from the Sky](#), a mouth-watering visual experience, from **November 3-5**.

With the holidays rapidly approaching, JFT Library invites you to another [hybrid Book Club](#) on **November 16**. The theme this time is open, and you're invited to bring a favourite book, manga, audiobook, or ebook to share with everyone. Find your next holiday read here!

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

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

September 15 - December 16	GALLERY EXHIBITION	Contemporary Wood-Carved NETSUKE
October 28	IN-PERSON TALK	Netsuke Collection at the ROM, Toronto
Now - October 31	ONLINE FILM SCREENINGS	JFF+ Independent Cinema 2023
October 31	FILM SCREENING	I Wish
November 3-5	ONLINE FILM SCREENING	Restaurant from the Sky
November 16	LIBRARY EVENT	JFT Book Club (Hybrid)

UPCOMING EVENTS



JFT Library's Yokai Collection: Celebrate Halloween with Japanese ghosts, monsters, and goblins

[JFT Library](#) has curated a [list of items on yokai](#) (Japanese ghosts, monsters, and goblins) in conjunction with [JFT's Halloween event series](#)! Whether you're a fan of manga/anime featuring *yokai* characters, looking for engaging reads for young readers, or simply curious to learn about the rich history and folklore surrounding these enigmatic creatures, our collection has something for everyone. Explore our physical books, manga, picture books, anime DVDs/Blu-rays, CDs, and ebooks & audiobooks, before or after one of our Halloween events during [our library hours](#)! This October, let's celebrate the mystical world of *yokai* and the spooky season of Halloween together!

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

[Check Library item list](#)



In-Person Talk
Netsuke Collection at the ROM, Toronto - by Dr. TAKESUE Akiko, Bishop White Committee Associate Curator of Japanese Art & Culture, Royal Ontario Museum

Saturday, October 28 @ 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM (ET)
In-person Event | Admission Free | Registration Required

Netsuke, currently introduced in the [Contemporary Wood Carved Netsuke](#) exhibition at The Japan Foundation, Toronto, have a prior connection with Toronto through the collection at the Royal Ontario

Museum. The ROM collection of Netsuke is considered to be of the highest calibre and is recognized at an international level. The ROM collection is not limited in material; it includes not only wood-carving but also pieces made of ivory. This hidden gem collection radiates with beauty, craftsmanship, and whimsical charms of Edo spirit.

*Registration for this event is now full. Rush tickets will be released 10 minutes prior to the start of the event.

[Details here](#)



Film Screening
***I Wish* 奇跡**

Tuesday, October 31 @ 6:30 PM (ET)

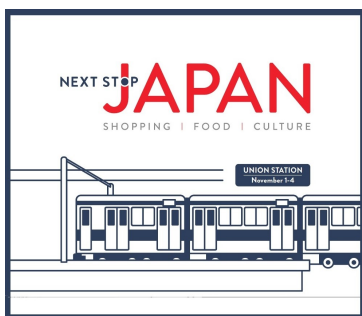
Innis Town Hall | Admission Free | Registration Required |

Presented in Japanese with English subtitles

Directed by the consistently masterful KORE-EDA Hirokazu (*Shoplifters*, *Broker*), *I Wish* follows twelve-year-old Koichi, who has been separated from his brother Ryunosuke due to his parents' divorce, hears a rumor that the new bullet trains will precipitate a wish-granting miracle when they pass each other at top speed.

In conjunction with [Next Stop Japan](#), a Union Station pop-up experience that brings Japan's vibrant *ekinaka* train station culture to the heart of Downtown Toronto.

[Register here](#)



Union Station

Next Stop Japan - Japan's Iconic Train Station Pop-up

Wednesday, November 1 to Saturday, November 4 @ 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM (ET)

Pop-up Event at Union Station | Admission Free | Registration Not Required

Visit Waiting Area, West Wing (Street Level), Union Station (65 Front Street West, Toronto) and explore the vibrant shopping centre of Japan's iconic train station pop-up. Immerse yourself into authentic cuisine, traditional arts, captivating performances, and much more. Hope to see you there!

[Details here](#)



Let Japanese Train & Station Come to Life through Literature and Media!

Calling all train enthusiasts, avid train travellers, and anyone curious about the unique world of Japanese train and station culture! If you're planning to visit [Next Stop: Japan](#) - Japan's Iconic Train Station Pop-up event at Toronto Union Station from November 1 to 4, we have an extra treat for you! [JFT Library](#) has a collection of a wide range of fiction and nonfiction items on Japanese trains and stations, including physical books, manga, DVDs & Blu-rays, and ebooks & audiobooks in English, Japanese, and French. Don't forget to check our [curated library items](#) before or after the event, and immerse even deeper into the world of Japanese trains and stations!

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Online Film Screening
Restaurant from the Sky

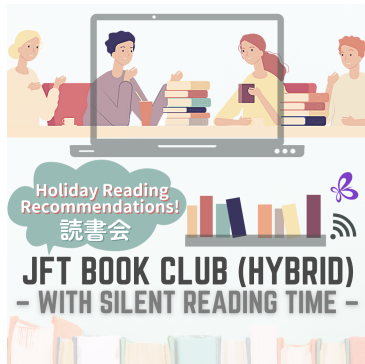
Friday, November 3, 6:00 PM to Sunday, November 5, 11:59PM (ET)

Online Film Screening | Admission Free | Registration Required | Presented in Japanese with English subtitles

Wataru, his wife Kotoe and daughter Shiori are dairy farmers in Hokkaido. A visiting chef cooks an unforgettable meal with his ingredients, which prompts the family to open their own restaurant and reproduce the magic. Co-presented with the [Japan Foundation, Toronto](#), [JETAA Ottawa](#), and the [Embassy of Japan in Canada](#).

In support of [JET Programme Canada](#). Be a part of the JET Story! Gain valuable overseas work experience, learn about Japanese culture, and meet people from around the world, while contributing to language education and international understanding. Application Deadline: [November 14, 8PM \(ET\)](#).

[Details here](#)



Library News

JFT Book Club (Hybrid) – With Silent Reading Time – Holiday Reading Recommendations

Thursday, November 16 @ 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Want more time to read but too many distractions? Now is your chance! Join JFT Library's 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. The theme for the upcoming book club is holiday readings. There are no assigned readings — you choose a book, manga, ebook, or audiobook about Japan, or any title by Japanese author(s) that you want to recommend to fellow participants. Following the silent reading session, we provide an optional discussion time for those who wish to connect with other participants, where you could chat about your reading experience and exchange suggestions for perfect holiday reads.

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, with the bonus of holiday reading recommendations!

[Register here](#)

ONGOING EVENTS



Gallery Exhibition

Contemporary Wood-Carved NETSUKE

Now open until Saturday, December 16, 2023

Admission Free | Open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

Netsuke is a delicate and whimsical art form unique to Japan which fits on your palm intimately. In the 17th and 18th century Netsuke developed rapidly in the kimono fashion culture. For kimonos, which had no pockets, Netsukes acted as toggles providing daily-life convenience for carrying things such as pouches, medicine cases, and smoking pipe cases.

Since Japanese fashion had been westernized in the mid-19th century, Netsuke receded from practical use, but still attracted artistic interest not only within Japan but worldwide. In this exhibition, 65 contemporary pieces which are all wood-carved are on display. SAITŌ Bishū, a master Netsuke carver, describes the charm and attraction of Netsuke as "Freedom amidst constraints." Netsukes are made under certain restrictions, such as needing two holes to run the cord through and requiring it to be round to avoid getting caught. The carvers express themselves as freely as possible under these constraints, which, in the end, magically stimulate the imaginations of both creators and viewers.

[Details here](#)

[Book your visit](#)



Gallery-Goers, Don't Miss JFT's Netsuke Library Collection!

Whether you are a future gallery-goer or have already been captivated by the [Contemporary Wood-Carved NETSUKE](#) exhibition at JFT Gallery, add an extra layer of appreciation by checking out [JFT Library](#)'s items! To enhance your understanding of this unique art form, we have curated a [library item list](#), including select titles on the history, craftsmanship, and cultural significance of netsuke, as well as related art forms such as woodcarving, sculptures and figurines. Those items are currently on display in our library right next to the gallery. So, don't miss this opportunity to delve deeper into the intricate world of netsuke and the artistry that surrounds it!

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

[Check Library item list](#)

Japanese Language Classes

Continue Learning Japanese with us!

Looking for somewhere to continue studying Japanese? Registration for our September 2023 language courses is still open! We offer online courses for everyone from complete beginners (Starter A1) to intermediate speakers (Intermediate B1/JLPT N3 level).

[Details 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



The Japan Foundation Grants and Programs

The Japan Foundation Grants and Programs for the 2024-2025 fiscal year are now open. The Japan Foundation conducts programs in the three major areas of Arts and Cultural Exchange, Japanese-Language Education Overseas, Japanese Studies and International Dialogue. There are applicable programs in each of these areas, and support is provided for activities conducted by individuals and organizations that are involved in international exchange.

[Details here](#)



The Japan Foundation Japanese Literature in the World Today

In this special essay project, The Japan Foundation invited essays from around the world describing people's thoughts on Japanese literature. The essays were written not only by scholars of literature, but also by translators, editors of publishing houses, and booksellers. We hope you will enjoy the diverse stories of how they encountered Japanese literature and what attracted them to it. From Canada, **Dr. Christina Yi** (Associate Professor, UBC) and **Jocelyne Allen** (translator/interpreter) contributed to the project.

[Details here](#)

Tote Bag Giveaway Contest

Now until Tuesday, October 31 @ 11:59 PM (ET)

Calling all lovers of Japanese Literature in Canada! Share your stories about how you have indulged into the world of Japanese literature, and you could win one of three tote bags featuring Bunkobon (small-sized Japanese paperbacks) designs.

To participate, simply [leave a comment on this Facebook post](#) answering the question "What attracts you to Japanese literature?" Also, make sure you're following our account [@jftoronto](#). Three winners will be randomly selected and contacted directly in November. Best of luck to all Japanese literature enthusiasts!



The Cinematheque Godzilla: King of Kaiju

Thursday, October 26 to Monday October 31
Film series in Vancouver | Paid Admission: Prices Vary

This Halloween season, The Cinematheque salutes the epic reign of the kaiju king with a monster-sized, all-ages Godzilla marathon drawn from the earliest and most influential chapter of the indomitable movie franchise. Over six days, 13 Showa-era Godzilla films will screen in chronological order—from the original 1954 trailblazer to 1975's sci-fi spectacular *Terror of Mechagodzilla*. With the exception of the Universal edit of *King Kong vs. Godzilla* (1963), all are the original Japanese-language releases (with English subtitles). Co-presented by the Japan Foundation, Toronto.

[Details here](#)



Japan Foundation
JFF+ Independent Cinema 2023

Now to Tuesday, October 31
Online Film Screenings | Free Admission

The Japan Foundation has launched a special program called *JFF+ Independent Cinema 2023* to shed light on the mini theaters that support the cinema culture of Japan. The lineup of streamed films includes those recommended by mini theaters throughout Japan, as well as by international film critics and film festival directors. Videos that introduce each participating mini theater, their communities, and the feelings of their staff, will also be produced and streamed. Together these will introduce the current state of cinema culture and regional culture in Japan from multiple angles.

[Details here](#)



Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Children (CLD) Festival Organizing Committee and the Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education (CAJLE)

CLD Festival 2023 - Online Exchange Event for Children

First Session (15 participants): Sunday, November 5, 10:00 AM - 12:10 PM (JST)
Second Session (15 participants): Sunday, November 5, 9:00 PM - 11:10 PM (JST)

Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required
Registration deadline for participation application - Tuesday, October 31

The CLD festival provides an online platform for young people from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds around the world to interact. It aims to create a space for free exchange where they can present their hobbies, talents, and interests, share opinions, and enjoy together. You can view the [event poster here](#). Dates and times for each country are also available on the poster. To accommodate participants from around the world, we will have two sessions.*Please be mindful of regions where daylight saving time ends.

[Register here](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAJLE (Canadian Association for Japanese Language Education)
ICJLE 2024 – Call for Proposals

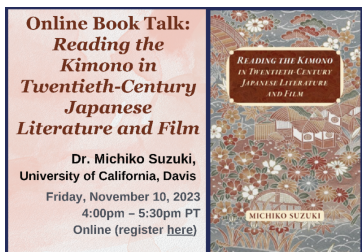


Submission Deadline: Tuesday, October 31 @ 11:59 PM (US Central Time)

It is now a month away from the October 31st deadline to submit proposals to the [2024 International Conference on Japanese Language Education](#). We are looking forward to receiving your proposals! The submission link is [here](#).

The International Conference on Japanese Language Education/ICJLE (日本語教育国際研究大会) is the largest conference on Japanese language education, drawing hundreds of scholars and students of Japanese language education from across the world. After a 6-year hiatus, the next conference is taking place in the beautiful capital city of Madison, Wisconsin, on August 1-3, 2024. This year's conference theme is Exploring Issues of Diversity and Expertise in Japanese Language Education.

[Details here](#)



University of British Columbia
**Online Book Talk by Michiko Suzuki (UC Davis),
Reading the Kimono in Twentieth-Century Japanese
Literature and Film**

Friday, November 10 @ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (PT) / 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)
Online talk | Admission free | Registration Required

Often considered an exotic garment of “traditional Japan,” the kimono is in fact a vibrant part of Japanese modernity. *Reading the Kimono* examines its vital role within twentieth-century stories, both textual and visual, while also presenting a modern history of the kimono. By approaching this garment as an item to be closely “read” and interpreted on the page or the silver screen, we discover that it reveals inner lives of characters, hidden plot points, intertextual meanings, resistant messages, and social commentary.

[Register here](#)

ONLINE RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS



Japanese Language Resource

Online Self-Study Courses For Japanese Language Teachers

Online Resource | Admission Free | Conducted in Japanese Only | Intermediate Language Proficiency Required

Three new self-study courses have been launched on the Japan Foundation's e-learning platform, Minato! Through these courses, Japanese language teachers with B1-level proficiency or above can learn the basic principles of the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education, as well as teaching methods for reading comprehension and incorporating culture into class.

[Details here](#)



Performing Arts Recommendation
Chopin Piano Concerto No. 1 - NHK Symphony Orchestra

Piano solo: SUMINO Hayato
NHK Symphony Orchestra
Conducted by OTAKA Tadaaki
Recorded on July 8, 2023, at MINATO MIRAI HALL, Yokohama
49 mins. 50 sec.

[Watch here](#)



Visual Arts Recommendation
Japanese Woodblock Painting: *An Ukiyo-e Falcon*

35 min. 55 sec. | Subtitled English

[Watch here](#)

