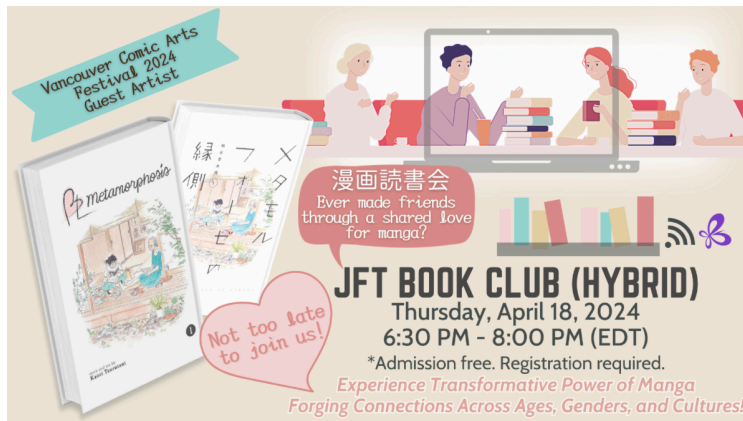


April 11, 2024



Vancouver Comic Arts Festival 2024 Guest Artist

漫画読書会
Ever made friends through a shared love for manga?

JFT BOOK CLUB (HYBRID)
Thursday, April 18, 2024
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (EDT)
*Admission free. Registration required.
Experience Transformative Power of Manga
Forging Connections Across Ages, Genders, and Cultures!

Not too late to join us!



JAPAN FOUNDATION 

美意識と手仕事

Designers' talk by matohu
Aesthetics and Handicraft
- The Design Philosophy of matohu -

Toronto April 23 & 24
Montreal April 14 & 26

matohu fashion designers are coming to Canada.

Follow the Designers of matohu as they explore concepts of Japanese beauty, tradition, and sustainability in their work.

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The hybrid book club on **April 18** hosted by our library is fast approaching! Set to discuss the manga [BL Metamorphosis](#) by [TSURUTANI Kaori](#), the book club may be the perfect introduction to artist TSURUTANI Kaori who will be at the Vancouver Comic Arts Festival this year. It is not too late to join us, register now!

On various dates from **April 23 - 26**, Japanese fashion designers *matohu* will visit Toronto and Montreal for a [Designers' Talk and film screening](#). Reserve a spot now to meet the people behind the brand and engage in a live Q&A to learn about their philosophy of design.

This month, Japanese teachers from across Canada will be able to engage with each other and discuss various teaching tricks and tips. Registrations are now open for the [59th Sawakai for Japanese Teachers](#).

Parents will also have a similar platform to learn how to encourage kids to speak Japanese at home, among other things on **April 28** at the [Let's raise them in Japanese! 6th seminar](#).

Stay tuned for a new film screening [The Makioka Sisters](#) on **April 30**. *The Makioka Sisters* structures around the changing of seasons, a celebration of the cherry blossom season and springtime. Register today to catch the show!

Lastly, visit our ongoing gallery exhibition, [From Edo to Meiji: Transformation of Japanese Ceramics](#), now featuring an additional presentation of *Kutani-ware Display* dedicated to everyone affected by the Noto Peninsula Earthquake.

For more upcoming JFT events, community news and online resource recommendations, **see details below**.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Now - April 15	JAPANESE LANGUAGE EDUCATION	Applications Open for Japanese Language Education Local Grant
Now - June 28	EXHIBITION	From Edo to Meiji: Transformation of Japanese Ceramics
April 18	LIBRARY EVENT (HYBRID)	JFT Book Club (Hybrid) - Manga: <i>BL Metamorphosis</i> by TSURUTANI Kaori

April 23, 24 and 26	FILM SCREENING / IN-PERSON TALK	Japanese Fashion designers <i>matohu</i> in Toronto and Montreal
April 24	ONLINE TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	59th <i>Sawakai</i> for Japanese Teachers
April 28	ONLINE TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Let's raise them in Japanese! 6th Seminar
April 30	FILM SCREENING	The <i>Makioka Sisters</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS



JFT Book Club (Hybrid) - Manga: *BL Metamorphosis* by TSURUTANI Kaori

Thursday, April 18, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)
Online & In-Person @ JFT Library | Admission Free | Registration Required

Is manga (Japanese comic) just for young readers? Immerse yourself in the refreshing tale of *BL Metamorphosis* (『メタモルフォーゼの縁側』) by TSURUTANI Kaori, showcasing the transformative power of manga that forges connections across different ages, genders, and cultures! Let's explore this heart-warming story of an intergenerational friendship that develops through a shared passion for BL (a manga genre featuring male-male relationships). Whether you're a seasoned manga lover or new to the genre, don't miss this opportunity to connect and discuss with readers from different backgrounds and discover the magic of manga! For those new to the book club or those just wanting to listen in this time, we also have a small number of "observer" slots!

P.S. Exciting news just in! The manga artist TSURUTANI Kaori is coming to Canada as a featured guest at this year's [Vancouver Comic Arts Festival!](#) It's perfect timing to dive deep into her work leading up to the festival! Also, stay tuned for details about our free online screening of the live-action film adaptation of *BL Metamorphosis*.

[Details here](#)



In-Person Talk + Film Screening Designers' Talk by *matohu*: Aesthetics and Handicraft The Design Philosophy of *matohu*

In TORONTO
[NEW] Tuesday, April 23, 5:30 PM - 7:45 PM (ET): Documentary film screening + live Q&A with the designers In-person @ Textile Museum of Canada | Admission Free | Registration Required

Wednesday, April 24
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET): Designers' Talk
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET): Documentary film screening + live Q&A with the designers
In-Person @ JFT Event Hall | Admission Free | Registration Required

In MONTREAL
Sunday, April 14, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET): Documentary film screening (no Q&A)
In-Person @ De Seve Cinema (1400 Boulevard De Maisonneuve Ouest, Montreal, Quebec) | Admission Free | Registration Required

Friday, April 26, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET): Designers' Talk
In-Person @ École supérieure de mode (ESM) de l'ESG UQAM Room DM-R310 (280 rue Sainte-Catherine Est OR Sainte-Catherine East Street, Montreal, Quebec) | Admission Free | Registration Required

The Japanese designer duo behind the brand *matohu* are bringing insights of their unique design philosophy centering around cultural values and innovation, to Toronto and Montreal. During the Designers' Talk, the designers will present the history, processes, and current status of *matohu*, taking the audience through a journey with video clips, images, and original clothes.

Audiences in both cities also have the chance to join the film screening of *Mantles of Transience*, a documentary following the creative process and past collections of *matohu*.

[Details here](#)



Online Teachers' Professional Development
Online 'Sawakai' for Japanese Teachers
59th Sawakai
Topic: Japanese Language Specialist Arrived!

Wednesday, April 24, 8:00 PM - 8:40 PM (ET)
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](#)



Online Teachers' Professional Development
Let's Raise Them in Japanese! 6th Seminar 「日本語で育てよう！」第6回セミナー
Topic: Parental Conversation Strategies to Encourage Children's Use of Japanese 子どもの日本語使用を促す親の会話ストラテジー

Sunday, April 28, 07:30 PM - 9:30 PM (ET)
Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required | Conducted in Japanese only

In this seminar, we will introduce a conversation strategy to encourage children to speak using the home language. We will also discuss other things parents can do.

[Register here](#)



Film Screening
The Makioka Sisters 細雪

Tuesday, April 30, 6:00 PM (ET)
JFT Event Hall | Admission Free | Registration Required | Presented in Japanese with English subtitles

Structured around the changing of the seasons, *The Makioka Sisters* follows the lives of four siblings who have taken on their family's kimono manufacturing business, in the years leading up to the Pacific War. This graceful study of a family at a turning point in history is a poignant evocation of changing times and fading customs, shot in rich, vivid colors.

Co-presented with the [Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto](#) in celebration of springtime and cherry blossom season.

[Register here](#)



Japanese Language Classes
Continue Learning Japanese With Us

Looking for somewhere to continue studying Japanese? Registration for our Spring term is now open! We offer online courses for various levels up to intermediate speakers (Intermediate B1/JLPT N3 level)

[Register here](#)

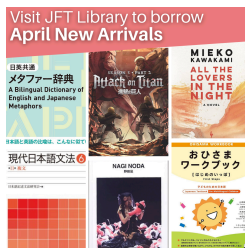


Japanese Language Education Programs
FY2024 Japan Foundation Toronto Local Grant Program for Japanese Language Education – Applications Open!

Application Deadline: April 15, 2024
This program is intended to promote Japanese language education in Canada by providing support to a wide range of activities essential to the dissemination of Japanese language and the development of Japanese language education.

[Details here](#)

ONGOING EVENTS



Library News April New Arrivals

Visit the library to borrow newly arrived titles! Uncover shocking revelations and face true monsters in *Attack on Titan 進撃の巨人 Season 3, Part 2* [DVD&Blu-ray] (for those new to this critically acclaimed anime series, begin your journey with *Season 1* [DVD&Blu-ray]); embark on a vibrant graphic design journey through the bilingual book *Nagi Noda 野田麻呂*, renowned for her whimsical and edgy creations; enter a world of interconnected linguistic wonders by discovering the hidden connections between English and Japanese in *A Bilingual Dictionary of English and Japanese Metaphors 日英共通メタファー辞典* by Makino, Seiichi et al.; and more!

[See full list here](#)

[Place a hold for pickup](#)



Library News JF Canada Digital Library: Newly Added Ebooks and Audiobooks

Check out new ebooks and audiobooks just added to [JF Canada Digital Library](#)! Discover how the timeless wisdom of the ancient Samurai teachings can empower your life with *Let the Samurai Be Your Guide* [Audiobook] by Lori Tsugawa Whaley; dive into the enchanting world of Japanese script where pronunciation is made easily imaginable for English speakers in *はじめてのひらがな・カタカナ Let's Explore HIRAGANA&KATAKANA* by Bret Mayer; navigate the complexities of cultural identity, memory and loss with Kazuo Ishiguro's masterful debut novel, *A Pale View of Hills* [Audiobook] and more!

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Film Series *Keep Dancin', Okinawa!*

May-July, 2024
Admission Free | Registration Required | All films presented with English subtitles

Keep Dancin', Okinawa! is a celebration of Okinawan stories, culture, and history, highlighted through themes of dance, music, and perseverance. Featuring screenings of documentaries, a classic family comedy, short films, and special guests. Join us to usher in springtime and summertime!

[Details Here](#)

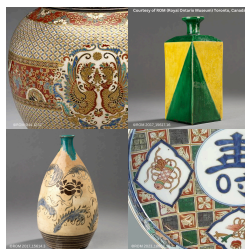


Film Series *Cinema Umami*

June-July, 2024
Admission Free | Registration Required | All films presented with English subtitles

Join us at JFT for *Cinema Umami!* Cinema Umami is our documentary screening series with a focus on the joys of Japanese cuisine and the often underappreciated labour of love that goes into its creation. Quick tip, don't come hungry!

[Details Here](#)



Exhibition **From Edo to Meiji: Transformation of Japanese Ceramics**

Now - Friday, June 28, 2024
In-person Exhibition | Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays | Admission Free | Registration Required

This special presentation of the collection of the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, reveals that Western modernization and the demand for exports influenced Japanese ceramics during the transitional period of the late Edo period to the Meiji period.

Now with an additional presentation, *Kutani-ware Display* with contributions from Toronto collectors, dedicated to the victims and survivors of the earthquake on January 1st, 2024, in Noto Peninsula, Ishikawa, Japan.

[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](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



NAJC Japanese New Immigrant Committee **Japanese Canadian History Seminar Part 2**

**Session 2: Changes in "Nikkei" (Kanji) and "nikkei" (alphabet)
Tuesday, April 16 8:00 PM (ET)**

Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required | In Japanese Only

The JNIC (Japanese New Immigrants Committee) has decided to launch "Japanese Canadian History seminar Part 2" as a continuation of the first series. This session which will delve more deeply into individual topics and people. Guest speaker Shigeru Kojima, the Curator of JICA Yokohama Japanese Overseas Migration Museum will discuss the definitions of "we Japanese," "nikkei" and "Japanese Canadians" during the session.

[Details here](#)



The Asian Canadian Writers' Workshop **LiterASIAN 2024**

Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5

In-person @ Multiple Venues in Vancouver | Ticketed Admission | Ticket Prices Vary

Embarking on a poignant literary exploration of Canada's historical tapestry, this year's festival examines both the challenges and successes of the meaning of redress. Join us for a compassionate and informative literary dialogue, where writers will explore the importance of amplifying Asian Canadian voices, promoting cultural understanding, and fostering a society that embraces diversity with open arms. This literary festival is an invitation to collectively embark on a journey of reconciliation, where acknowledgment, education, and empathy pave the way towards a more equitable and inclusive Canada.

[Details here](#)

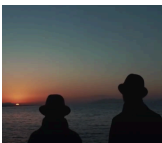
ONLINE RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS



Visual Arts Recommendation ***matohu* 2023 A/W Collection**

51 min. | Subtitled in English (only video presentation)

In association with *matohu*'s tour to Toronto and Montreal between April 14 and 26. Full video features the fashion demonstration and a video presentation, "Journey from Palms of Hands Series 10 World of Sympathetic Vibration".



Watch here



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