

FIFTH ANNUAL

# ANN ARBOR



A fun week of Japan-related events for youth and families

All events free and open to the public



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# Sunday, 6/16

**Drawing in the Japan Gallery** at the **Detroit Institute of Art**, 5200 Woodward Ave., 12–4pm, all ages welcome for this drop-in activity.

**Japanese Storytime** at the AADL Malletts Creek Library Program Room, 3090 E. Eisenhower, 1-1:45pm, ages 5 and under (immersive Japanese experience).

**Ann Arbor Japan Week Kickoff** film screening of *Ponyo* at the Michigan Theater, English dubbed, 603 E. Liberty St., 3pm.

# Monday, 6/17

**Azalea Bonsai Viewing** at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, where you can examine a collection of azalea bonsai in bloom through June 22nd, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., 10am-8pm.

NHK's Mark of Beauty, AADL Downtown Library, 3–6pm. Join us for an afternoon of NHK International's Japanese TV show, Mark of Beauty. Beauty in all things. Explore the beauty to be discovered in the places, objects, arts, and craft of Japan's daily life.

Japanese Video Games, University of Michigan Library Computer & Video Game Archive, Duderstadt Center room B474, 2281 Bonisteel Blvd., 5-7pm. Come to the gaming center to enjoy playing games on the Nintendo Wii U, Nintendo 3DS, Nintendo 64, PS3, PS Vita, Sega Saturn, Wonderswan, Super Famicom and Atari systems.

### Fiber Arts Lab: Sashiko Embroidery,

AADL Downtown Library: Secret Lab, 343 S. Fifth Ave., 7-8:30pm, grades 6 to adult. This week Fiber Arts Lab will be demonstrating the basics of sashiko stitching, a traditional embroidery style from Japan. They will provide everything you need to get started. Stop in and learn the basics. Or, feel free to bring along another project you've been working on (knitting, crochet, or embroidery) and hang out with us while enjoying the company of other crafters. No prior experience necessary.

## Tuesday, 6/18

NHK's Kawaii International & Bento Expo AADL Downtown Library, 3-6pm. Bento Expo presents bento ideas sent in from around the world and learn how to make your own!

The Art of Japanese Textiles Workshop, Weiser Hall room 455, 500 Church St., 4-5:30pm, grade 6 to adult. Enjoy a presentation on kimono fashion and the art of tsumami zaiku followed by a tsumami zaiku workshop. Registration required at ii.umich.edu/cjs.

Japanese Fashion Photo Booth, Weiser Hall room 455, 500 Church St., 6-7pm, ages 5 and up. Wear your favorite Japanese fashions or try on traditional and modern kimono and yukata!

Moss Tray Landscapes, AADL Downtown Library: 1st Floor Lobby, 343 S. Fifth Ave., 7-8:30pm, grades 6 to adult. Learn how to make miniature landscapes with moss inspired by Japanese gardens.

# Wednesday, 6/19

**Early Literacy Program Storytime** at the **Detroit Public Library Main Branch**, 5201 Woodward Ave., 10:30-11am, ages 2.5-5 in English with caregivers.

Women's World Cup Watch Party: Japan v. England at Slurping Turtle Ringo Room, 608 E. Liberty, 2:30pm. Appetizers provided, other menu items available for purchase. Space is limited and RSVP is required at umcjs@umich.edu.

Letterpress Lab with Japanese Crests, AADL Downtown Library: Secret Lab, 343 S. Fifth, 6-8:30pm, grades 6 to adult. Print and learn about Japanese crests! Materials provided.

### **WEEKLONG ACTIVITIES**

**Bonsai Viewing** at Matthaei Botanical Gardens

The Six Senses of Buddhism exhibit at the University of Michigan Museum of Art



### Thursday, 6/20

Family Art Studio: The Six Senses of Buddhism, University of Michigan Museum of Art multipurpose room, 525 S. State St., 11am-1pm & 2-4pm, ages 6 and up accompanied by an adult. RSVP required at umma.umich.edu/events.

### **Ikebana Flower Arranging Demo**

with the Ann Arbor Ikebana International Chapter, **AADL Downtown Library**: 1st Floor Lobby, 343 S. Fifth Ave., 7-8pm.

**Japanese Festival Games**, Ann Arbor Summer Festival KidZone Tent, 5-8pm, ages 4-14.

### **Bon Odori: Japanese Summer Dance,**

Ann Arbor Summer Festival Retreat Series, Power Center Lawn, 5-6pm. Join Minae Sawai (Cultural Exchange Facilitator from the Japan Foundation) for an introduction to the Japanese summer festival dance of Bon Odori! Participants will learn the basic steps and history of the dance.

# Friday, 6/21

### Temaki-sushi workshop, AADL

**Downtown Library**: Lobby, 343 S. Fifth, 6-7:30pm. Demonstration of Japanese style *temaki* (hand-rolled) sushi by Kanako Morishita from the Japan Outreach Initiative, followed by a make-your-own workshop.

# Saturday, 6/22

### **Taiko Drumming Performance**,

AADL Downtown Library: Lobby, 343 S. Fifth, 3pm, 3-3:45pm.

### **Storytime at the Museum:**

**Japanese Art**, University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA). Meet in front of the UMMA store, 11:15am-12pm. Ages 4-7. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. No registration required.

Restaurant specials during Ann Arbor Japan Week:
10% off food and 50% off house sake at Nagomi
Sushi and Izakaya, and 10% off at Slurping
Turtle—just mention Ann Arbor Japan Week!









### **Partners**

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