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Monthly Newsletter











JSB Language Center



Registration for our Fall Semester Group Lessons is now open! Classes begin September 12th.

> Small class sizes (never more than 8 people per class) taught by native professional instructors

> > Classes are \$300 for 10 weeks online JSB members enjoy a 15% discount!

More Information

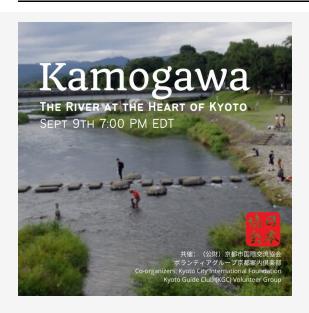
JSB Programming



Wednesday, August 17th, 2022 - 8:00 PM EDT / 5:00 PM PDT

Join us on Zoom for this special collaboration with the <u>Japan Society of Northern</u> <u>California</u> where we will be learning all about yōkai, supernatural entities and spirits that appear in many Japanese tales. Yōkai play an important role in modern Japan: not only do they appear in folklore narratives told to children, but they also pop up in popular video games, manga, and anime.

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Friday, September 9th, 2022 - 7:00 PM EDT

Kyoto locals and KGC volunteers will explore why the Kamogawa River is such a central spot for rest and recreation in Kyoto, even more so than the Seine in Paris or the Thames in London.

Join the Kyoto Guide Club (KGC) for a virtual introduction to this communal locale in Japan's most traditional city.



Thursday, September 29th, 2022 - 7:00 PM EDT

Join Byakko Kyudojo for an introduction to Kyudo, the centuries-old practice of Japanese archery. This is the third installment in our BUDŌ Series which features traditional Japanese martial arts.

The event will provide a window into the precise yet deceptively simple practice of Kyudo, including an introduction to common equipment and basic techniques such as the "Seven Coordinations." Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the history of Kyudo and its everyday mental and physical benefits. We hope you will join us!

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August - September 2022
The Coolidge Corner Theater and the Japan Society of Boston Present

Samurai Summer II:

Samurai Summer debuted in 2021, paying homage to the Coolidge Corner Theater's history of programming Japanese films in the '70s and '80s, with samurai stories being among the most popular.

In 2022, Samurai Summer II pairs classic *chanbara* (sword fighting) movies with films from the West that they've influenced. Beginning with *The Hidden Fortress* and *Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope*, we'll see how the themes in samurai films are interpreted, borrowed, and, in some cases, outright stolen.

Tuesday, August 16th: The Hidden Fortress (1958)
Wednesday, August 17th: Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope (1977)

Tuesday, August 23rd: Onibaba (1964) Wednesday, August 24th: Kill Bill Volumes 1 & 2 (2003 & 2004)

Tuesday, August 30th: The Tale of *Zatoichi* (1962) Wednesday, August 31: Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai (1999)

Tuesday, September 6th: Ran (1985) **Wednesday, September 7th:** A Fistful of Dollars (1964)

More Information Here



The JSB Poetry Club

Autumn Past & Present: Poetry of the Seasons

September 13th 6:00 PM EDT



As the heat of summer dissipates and the cooler temperatures of autumn set in, we'll enjoy an evening of classical Japanese poems to mark this seasonal shift. We'll explore some autumn haiku from poets of the past, learn a bit about the various kigo, or seasonal words, which the poets drew upon, and share a few contemporary poems of the autumn experience.

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Join the JSB Language Room

A Japanese and English Virtual Language Exchange



Sponsored by:



Friday, September 16th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT **000000901700000700900**

Practice your Japanese (or your English) at our next online Japanese / English

language exchange. Our theme this session is: Favorite Songs

Our monthly language room is sponsored by Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ). TUJ is the oldest and largest foreign university in Japan. For more information, please visit their website: https://www.tuj.ac.jp/ug

Programs for JSB Members



Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT

Join us to discuss *The Tale of Genji* by Murasaki Shikibu. We will be discussing **chapters twenty-six through thirty**. This event is held on the third Tuesday of each month through September.

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Wednesday, September 28th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT

Do you love Japanese literature? The JSB Book Club will be meeting to discuss *Villain* by **Shuichi Yoshida**. The purpose of the JSB Book Club is to strengthen the community of Japan enthusiasts by coming together to discuss Japanese literature.

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News from JSB

JSB Meets JET Alumni:

As part of our partnership with the <u>United States Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association</u> (USJETAA), the Japan Society of Boston features a new JET Alumni in our monthly blog!

This month:

Ian Malloy who just came back from a year on JET in Ishikawa Prefecture!



Read the Blog

Other Japan Related Programming

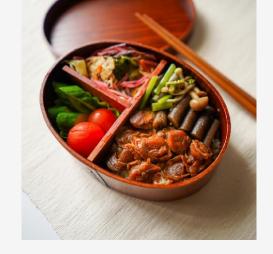
Special Offer from Kokoro Care Packages for the JSB Audience!

Kokoro Care packages is offering the JSB audience 10% off their **Ekiben** ($\square\square$): **Take a Trip to Japan with Train Station Bentos.**

Use discount code: JASBOSTONEKIBEN (order

by August 31st)





More Information

August 11th, 10:00 PM EDT: <u>Japanese Fashion During World War II</u> <u>Australian Society for Asian Humanities</u>

August 30th, 9:00 PM EDT: Virtual Stroll in Asakusa | JAS Chicago

August-September: A Counting: Boston-Cambridge Call for Participation | Ekene Ijeoma and Poetic Justice Group (MIT)

September 22nd, 6:30 PM EDT: <u>From the Far East to Boston: Nichols Family</u>
<u>Belongings from Asia | Nichols House Museum</u>

September 25, 2022, 2:00 PM EDT: <u>Japanese Tea Ceremony | The Art Complex</u> <u>Museum</u>

From the Archive



Every month the Japan Society of Boston reaches into our archives to pull out a postcard that was sent back to us in the early years of our organization. This one was mailed to JSB in 1914 and depicts workers loading a ship with coal.

The back reads:

"The baskets are supposed to hold about 40# of coal. They pass up the line at a rate as high as 50 a min, for a few moments, but will not average more than 30 a min, if that. The coal is shoveled into baskets by men and passed up by women and boys. In 8 hours they put about 3000 tons of coal on the ship."

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