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## JICC Pop-Ups at DC Public Libraries

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In Person

### Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with the JICC at local libraries!

In celebration of AAPI month, the JICC will be hosting the following cultural programs at various DC Public Library locations throughout the month of May to give local children and adults an opportunity to engage with Japanese culture. Spots are limited and will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. **Registration for the events can be found [here](#).** Please contact your nearest participating location for more details.

#### Learn about zero-waste with a reading of "Mottainai Grandma" and origami:

Staff from the JICC will read "Mottainai Grandma" by SHINJU Mariko to teach children the importance of zero-waste. The reading will be followed by an origami activity where kids will make a samurai hat (*kabuto*) out of recycled newspaper. *Mottainai*, is a Japanese phrase used to describe a sense of regret over waste and is a guiding principle for many Japanese people. **This program is geared towards younger children (1st-3rd grade) and has a maximum capacity of 20 participants (not including legal guardians).**

#### Try Japanese calligraphy:

Staff from the JICC will lead a Japanese calligraphy workshop. Japanese calligraphy, or *shodo*, is an esteemed cultural art that is still heavily practiced today. This workshop will introduce a brief history of shodo, its technique, and give participants the opportunity to try writing Japanese with a *fude* (brush) and *sumi* (ink). **This program is recommended for 4th grade and up and has a maximum capacity of 20 participants (not including legal guardians).**

#### Participating Locations:

##### Cleveland Park Neighborhood Library

- Story time & Origami: Tues. May 2, 11 am-12 pm
- Calligraphy: Tues. May 9, 4-5 pm

##### Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library

- Story time & Origami: Thurs. May 25, 10-11 am
- Calligraphy: Tues. May 23, 3-4 pm

##### Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Library

- Calligraphy: Tues. June 27, 4-5 pm

##### Northwest One Neighborhood Library

- Story time & Origami: Wed. May 17, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Calligraphy: Wed. May 24, 3:30-4:30 pm

##### Parklands-Turner Neighborhood Library

- Story time & Origami: Mon. May 22, 4-5 pm
- Calligraphy: Tues. May 16, 4-5 pm

##### Shepherd Park Neighborhood Library

- Story time & Origami: Thurs. May 4, 4-5 pm
- Calligraphy: Thurs. May 18, 4-5 pm

##### Tenley-Friendship Neighborhood Library

- Story time & Origami: Wed. May 10, 4-5 pm & Thurs. May 11, 4-5 pm
- Calligraphy: Thurs. May 25, 4-5 pm



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