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## JICC Pop-Ups at Public Libraries

Presented by JICC, Embassy of Japan in collaboration with DC Public Library & Prince George's County Memorial Library System

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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 and Prince George's County Memorial 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 each event can be found linked below under ["Participating Locations"](#). Please contact your nearest participating location for more details.

#### Experience Japanese Paper Theatre & Origami!

JICC staff will utilize *kamishibai* (Japanese Paper Theatre) to immerse children in the world of Japanese folklore. Staff will read the story of **"Momotaro"** and **"How The Years Were Named"**. The reading will be followed by an origami activity where participants will make a *kabuto* (samurai hat). 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 event will take place at Tenley-Friendship Neighborhood Library on May 28, 2024, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** This program is recommended for teens and adults and has a maximum capacity of 20 participants (not including legal guardians).

#### Try Suminagashi (Japanese water marbling)!

Staff from the JICC will lead a suminagashi workshop. *Suminagashi*, which translates to "floating ink" is the art of Japanese water marbling. Participants will learn the history of this art form as well as utilize tools and principles from Japanese calligraphy to create beautiful marbled prints. **This event will take place on May 30, 2024, at Mt. Pleasant Library from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** This program is recommended for ages ten and up. Please contact the library to inquire about registration.

### Participating Locations

#### West End Library

- Japanese Paper Theatre & Origami: Monday, May 13, 2024, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

#### Shepard Park Library

- Japanese Paper Theatre & Origami: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

#### Shaw (Watha T. Daniel) Library

- Japanese Paper Theatre & Origami: Wednesday, May 16, 2024, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

#### Upper Marlboro Library (Maryland)

- Japanese Paper Theatre & Origami: Thursday, May 23rd, 2024, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

#### Tenley-Friendship Library

- Japanese Calligraphy: Tuesday, May 28, 2024, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.



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**DC Public Library**



Prince George's County  
Memorial Library System

**Mt. Pleasant Library**

- Suminagashi: Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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