



Public Library Events

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This is the last time I'll be writing *Community Connections*, but I hope everyone will enjoy reading about insights from Benjamin S. from the November issue onward! ☺ For my last post, I would like to introduce public libraries as a place not only to visit for books, but also for events.

In early June at the International Exchange Lounge in Peace Memorial Park, I helped host a reading of a picture book in English. It was while researching ways to conduct this event that I stumbled upon the wonderful programming of different libraries in the area. Until then, I had foolishly thought libraries were mostly for studying or borrowing books! How can you find out about library events? Well, there's a handy website for that! ☺

To access information on libraries in Hiroshima City, check out this website: <<http://www.library.city.hiroshima.jp/>>. If you choose the English option at the top of the page, you can learn about library cards and hours, library locations and contact information, and about searching for library books. Scroll halfway down the Japanese homepage to find the following options:



Click on イベント to see a list of recent past events. To see future events, click on 月間予定 and choose the schedule of your preferred library. The majority of library events are targeted toward children and their guardians. There are also some really interesting ones for adults as well, such as below.

行事名 Event Name	大人のためのストーリーテリング (Storytelling for Adults)
日時 Date & Time	6月3日 (金) 10:00~12:00 (June 3 (Friday), 10 AM - noon)
場所 Location	〇〇文化センター (X X Cultural Center)
講師 Organizer	〇〇の会 (X X Group)
対象 Age Group(s)	ストーリーテリングに興味のある大人の方 (Anyone with an interest)
内容 Details	語り手がお話を覚えて語り聞かせるストーリーテリング。ことばだけを聞いて、想像力をふくらませる世界を楽しんでみませんか。
定員 Capacity	60人 (要申込) (60 People (Registration Required))
申込 Registration	〇〇図書館へ来館か電話で申込 (Call or visit X X Library to register)

By looking up library information online like this, it is much easier to use web tools to search difficult kanji and to find those events that really interest you. As far as I can tell, the only downside to the library website I listed above is that it does *not* include information about the International Exchange Lounge. That means that to search the lounge's wealth of books and magazines in foreign languages (English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and more), you'll need to do so at the following website: <<http://www.lib-finder.net/pcf/servlet/Index>>. To learn about events at the lounge, such as study groups, club activities, and book readings, please call or visit. Happy reading and socializing! ☺