

New Books

The ABCs of Japanese

This resource by Cyrus Rolbin of Keio University is an innovative approach to learning hiragana. Using the familiar mnemonics system, this workbook takes students past basic mnemonics and uses culturally-based images to introduce the hiragana characters. A wonderful approach for anyone interested in updating their teaching of hiragana or for the self-studier.

Art Speaks Japanese

This resource has been produced by the Japan Foundation in collaboration with the Art Gallery of New South Wales. The kit includes 16 image cards of Japanese artworks and a CD ROM of classroom activities, vocabulary and grammatical structures for both primary and secondary students. This resource has infinite uses and promotes inter-cultural language learning through the arts.



Mottainai



In the Japanese classroom

Mottainai

Nobel Peace Laureate Hon. Prof. Wangari Maathai is the Kenyan Minister for Environment and Natural Resources. In her book she has embraced the Japanese concept of mottainai to encourage her country to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Mottainai is a bilingual resource for classroom or personal use. It depicts everyday situations where we are wasteful or ungrateful for what we have and how this impacts on the world around us.

Mottainai Baasan (Book and CD) by Mariko Shinju is a playful take on mottainai. She uses a small boy and his 'waste not want not' granny to teach children about mottainai. This is a wonderful classroom resource, as seen in our 2010 Teachers' Seminars

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Aiueon

This hiragana picture book by Bingo Aki consists of beautiful fabric scenes introducing the Japanese syllabary. Examples include a dog eating a strawberry (inu ga ichigo wo itadakimasu), a giraffe and a fox climbing a tree (kirin to kitsune ga kinobori) and a carrot running away from a chicken (ninjin ga niwatori kara nigeru). The book is also accompanied by a set of karuta cards of the same images.



For children



Hiragana Fun

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?

This bilingual picture book by Bill Martin Jr and Erin Carle introduces the colours and animals to young children in both English and Japanese using brightly coloured images. A wonderful resource for students to recreate or enjoy as a class.

Iroirona mono

This big book by David Drew, Delece Batt and Dominique Falla links pictures to Japanese words and teaches children how to categorise things into living and non-living things, plants and animals, by number of legs and into solids, liquids and gases.

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Kids Draw Manga and Kids Draw Manga Monsters

Two new library additions from Christopher Hart's popular Kids Draw... series, are *Kids Draw Manga* and *Kids Draw Manga Monsters*. With step by step instructions on drawing, colouring and adding detail these books are sure to be a hit with children and avid adult manga fans alike.

Manga Moods

This cute mini book by Manga University's Saori Takarai introduces 40 emotions in Japanese accompanied by a manga face and example phrases. This book would make a great gift or addition to the school library.



Travel and Communication

Exploring Kyoto

Written by long-term Kyoto resident Judith Clancy, this fully revised and updated addition takes the reader through the otherwise untraversed backstreets of Kyoto as well as to the iconic tourist spots. A must read before visiting the cultural capital of Japan.

Kyoto Blue Guide

If you are looking for a travel guide to Kyoto written in Japanese, this is the book for you.

Gaijin no tame no Keitai Meru

Confused by your new Japanese mobile phone? This step by step guide introduces you to the handset, how to message and common Japanese phone expressions. Whilst written in Japanese, this book provides furigana for difficult kanji.



Manga

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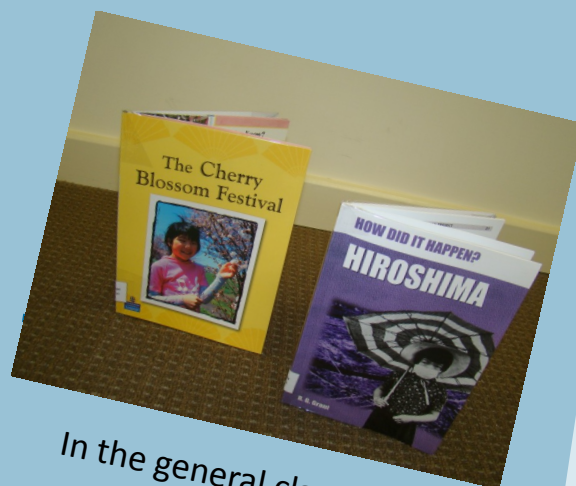
To borrow one or more of these fantastic resources simply come in and see us at Hyogo Cultural Centre Tuesday to Saturday from 9am to 5pm.

To reserve an item call us on 9385 9002 or email hyogoprogram@iinet.net.au.

Be sure to get in early to avoid waiting over Christmas.

Hyogo Cultural Centre will be closed from Saturday December 18th until Monday January 3rd 2011. We will reopen on Tuesday January 4th.

Be sure to visit us then!



In the general classroom

The Cherry Blossom Festival

This book by Janine Scott and Paul Dymond introduces children to Japanese girl Haruma and her life in Sapporo. Haruma discusses her favourite festival, the Cherry Blossom Festival. She also outlines other festivals, high-tech Japan, Tokyo life, Japanese arts and crafts and martial arts. Written in English, this book gives definitions for new words. Perfect for a junior primary class.

How did it Happen? Hiroshima

R.G. Grant outlines the events leading up to the devastating Hiroshima bombing, the aftermath and the subsequent peace mission. This book is suitable for upper primary to lower secondary students.