


Anime Conventions & Asian Cultural Programming

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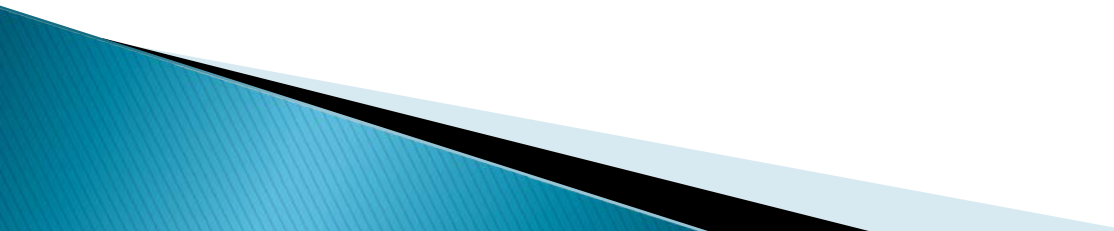
So, your patrons love anime...



What is an “AnimeCon”?

- ▶ Large-scale events
 - ▶ Conference-like event with sessions, activities, and fun!
 - ▶ Chance for participants to pick and choose activities
 - ▶ Be prepared with the lingo: “con”, “cosplay”, “gothic/lolita”, “meccha”, etc.
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Programming

- ▶ Asian culture
 - ▶ Art
 - ▶ Gaming
 - ▶ Panels
 - ▶ Participant Led Activities & Contests
 - ▶ Crafts
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Asian Culture

- ▶ Language instruction
- ▶ Traditions/Festivals
- ▶ Teaching English in Japan
- ▶ Kendo/Martial Arts



Art

- ▶ Leveled classes
- ▶ Styles & themes
- ▶ Anime graffiti wall *
- ▶ Art exhibits



Anime Graffiti Wall



Supplies:

- Rolls of white butcher paper
- Markers, pencils



Gaming

- ▶ Dance Dance Revolution & Guitar Hero
- ▶ Yu-Gi-Oh
- ▶ Online games *
- ▶ GO
- ▶ Chopsticks game *



Online Games

- ▶ Anime-themed “paper” dolls:
<http://www.dressupgames.com/shugo-chara/>
(dress up games)
- ▶ Online Trivia:
 - <http://www.sporcle.com/>

Chopsticks Agility



Supplies:

- Uncooked rice
- Bowls
- Chopsticks
- Random “stuff”
- Stopwatch

Panels

- ▶ Make them teen-led
- ▶ Information sessions
- ▶ Hot topics



Participant-led activities / contests

- ▶ Whose Line is it Anime?
- ▶ Anime Skits / Dances
- ▶ Project Cosplay
- ▶ Harajuku relay *
- ▶ Ramen Contest *
- ▶ Anime Debate Club *



Harajuku

- ▶ Pop tradition
- ▶ Fashion & styles



Harajuku Relay

Supplies:

- Random clothing items
- Wigs
- Stopwatch
- Masking tape



Ramen Noodle Eating Contest



Supplies:

- Ramen
- Bowls
- Spoons

Anime Debate

- ▶ Burning questions:
 - What anime series deserves a remake?
 - Dubs vs. subs, which is better?
 - Manga vs. anime? Which is better and why?
 - Who is the meanest, baddest, and all-around most stylish team of anime villains? State your reasons why with examples of their badness.
 - Etc.



Crafts

- ▶ Bento Boxes *
- ▶ Junk Mail Origami
- ▶ Headbands
- ▶ Candy Sushi *
- ▶ Kokehsi Dolls *



Bento Wha?





Make a Bento Box



Supplies:

- construction paper
- glue Sticks
- scissors
- tape
- pencils

Bento Box Creations



Candy Sushi



Supplies:

- Mini Donuts
- Rice Krispies & Marshmallows
- Fruit by the Foot
- Swedish Fish
- Twinkies
- Gummy Worms

Kokeshi Dolls



- ▶ See attached instruction sheet



Cosplay



Manga-Mobile



Questions?

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