

# Annual Shinnenkai

## Description:

Annual fundraiser open to the public to learn about Japan and celebrate the new year.

A chance for alumni to introduce Japan to their communities.

## Details:

Activities include

- mochi making
- trying on clothing
- calligraphy
- traditional Japanese music/dance
- martial arts demonstrations

## Tips:

- Connect with local businesses/organizations
- Connect with Japan related businesses/organizations.
- Plan ahead
- Invite people unrelated to Japan





# 'Survivor Series'

- **Description:**

- A way to engage alumni and help outgoing JETs.
- A lot of resources for out going JETs are for professional development.

- **Details:**

- Mitsuwa Marketsweep: focused on acclimating JETs to grocery shopping and cooking in Japan.
- Includes a scavenger hunt, recipe packets, introduction to items in the store such as salt/sugar

- **Tips:**

- Start small. Focus on one or two events the first year then grow from that.
- Always look for feedback from participants. Don't be afraid to change the events.





## Japanese Reading Group

**Description:** reading and translating Japanese texts, translation practice, variety of texts.

**Details:** Started as an idea of a member as a way to keep practicing Japanese reading and speaking throughout the year.

**Tips:** -Encourage people to come, even if they feel they're not adequate in Japanese.



## Book Club

**Description:** reading and meeting to discuss Japanese translated texts, books by Japanese authors.

**Details:** Meets every other month, group picks the book and everyone reads before attending.

**Tips:** Switch it up between text, manga, fiction and non-fiction.



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The book cover for 'RICE NOODLE FISH' is white with the title in large, bold, black and gold letters. The author's name, 'ROBERT CORDER', is at the bottom. The book is shown at a slight angle, giving it a 3D appearance.

**RICE NOODLE FISH**

9月 28日 **JETAA Chicago Book Club - Rice Noodle...**  
水 18:30 · シカゴ  
Robert Corderさん、他友達2人が参加予定です

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