

Did you know?

It's officially Cherry Blossom season in Japan (and has been for some time)!

From February into early May, the country's iconic sakura (cherry blossoms) capture the attention of visitors alike as their beautiful pink flowers blanket the country in soft, colourful splendor.





This week's themedis.

Japanese Folktales!

"Japanese folktales" refer to orally transmitted folk narrative. Systematic collection of specimens was pioneered by folklorist Kunio Yanagita. Yanagita disliked the word *minwa*, a coined term directly translated from "folktale". He therefore proposed the use of the term mukashibanashi ("tales of long ago) to apply to all creative types of folktales (i.e., those that are not "legendary" types which are more of a reportage).



Real Life Yanagita



Interestingly, the character Yanagita from Nura:Rise of the Yokai Clan is based off of the real Yanagita!

General JMAC Info

Lots of events are coming our way, so be on the look-out!

PR announcements at the end~





Momotaro, or **Peach Boy** (Edo Period) is one of the five most famous folktales of Japanese history (Go-dai Mukashi Banashi), and tells the story of a boy found in a peach, who goes on great adventures destroying oni with his dog and monkey friend (cute!).

First translated in 1885, Momotaro was a huge figure during WWII, representing Japan, while his friends were symbolic of the Japanese citizens and the oni of the US.

Here's our website!

Click here!

It's the easiest way to give feedback, check out our schedule for the rest of the quarter, and get the latest news on events.

(Our room numbers aren't consistent this quarter, so here's a good place for updates!)



Hanasaka Jiisan, known after translation as "The Story of the Old Man who Made Withered Trees to Blossom" is a story about an old couple whose beloved dog dug up gold, but their greedy neighbor, who couldn't get the dog to dig up anything but bones, kills him.

(There is a sweet ending though, I promise!)

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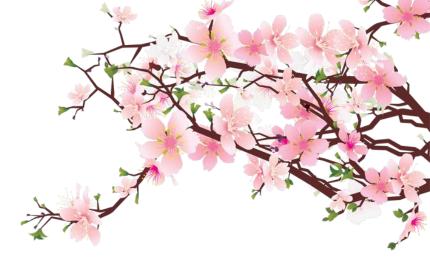
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The Cat's Elopement (1885): A handsome cat named Gon, belonging to a music teacher, and a lovely cat named Koma, belonging to a lady, met and fell in love. Neither of their owners would sell one of them to the other owner, and they finally decided to elope.





Thoughts from the corner??

The Boy Who Drew Cats (1898): A farmer's boy who is small and prefers only to draw cats goes on a long little journey, where a priest tells him "Avoid large places at night. Keep to the small". It's a story of letting your true talents and passions be your driving force (and also being smol).



May 20th-22nd, 2016 Rosemont, IL

Only 44 days left!











*Badges are now \$70! *Good luck to those who are cosplaying! *Look out for JMAC and DCMC representing DePaul in the dealer room!



Shita kiri Suzume, or **The Tongue-cut Sparrow**, is another of the five most famous folktales, and tells the story of a kind old man, his avaricious wife and an injured sparrow. The story explores the effects of greed, friendship and jealousy on the characters.



Geek Til Dawn!

Join JMAC at DeFrag's major event of the quarter, in which we pile up in CDM from 11pm-6am for gaming, anime, movies, and other such nerdy nonsense.

(Guess who's gonna provide the anime?

...We are, because we're garbage.)

Friday May 27th until the morning of the 28th in the CDM building at the Loop campus!

Speaking of cosplay...

Eric: The Mysterious Hero Character - That One Mysterious Hero Show

Girl running late w/toast

Nicole: She is the Ocean's Gray Waves SPOOPY SURPRISE (?)

Hannah: Girl with Black Hair

Mark: Snark - Snanada

Jessica I.: Frisk - *Undertale* Garry- *Ib* Valentine- *Skullgirls* **Monisa**: Velouria - *Fire Emblem: Fates*Dipper - *Gravity Falls*

Jessica V: Yato - *Noragami* Haru - *My Little Monster* Mayuri - *Steins; Gate*

Mia: Hajime Ichinose - GatchamaAAaAAAN!!!

Luna - Virtue's Last Reward (aka NEIN NEIN NEIN)

Titties Nee-chan (Camilla) - Fire Emblem: Fates

Marco: Chrollo Lucifer - *Hunter x Hunter*Persona 5 protagonist

If you would like your cosplay up here, let us know by either emailing us or checking out our website!

Manga of the Month

Boku Dake Ga Inai Machi (ERASED)

Submitted by MEEEE!

Volumes: 8 (44 chapters)

Genres: Fantasy Thriller

Demographic: Seinen

Other media: Anime (12 episodes)

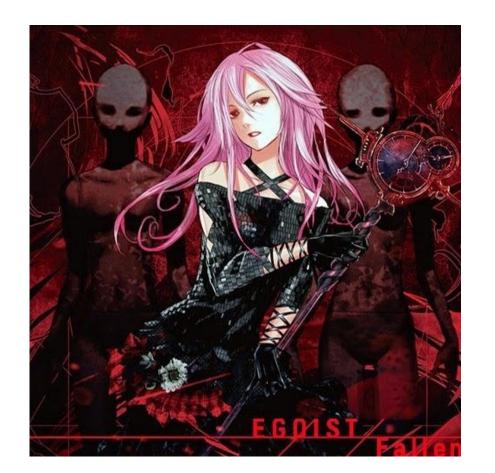
The story follows Satoru, a struggling manga artist who has an ability that forces him back in time to prevent deaths. When his mother is killed, he is sent back in time to solve the mystery, but ends up back in elementary school just before the disappearance of his classmate Kayo. He believes there is a strong connection between the two incidents, and works to use his time jump to prevent his mother's death as well as the kidnapping.

Warnings: Gore, violent themes, existential crises





Music Video of the Week



Fallen - Egoist
Submitted by Mark B!

This is the ending to Psycho-Pass Season 2. The band has also done the opening and ending songs for Guilty Crown!

Want to submit your own MoM or MV?

Include "Manga of the Month" or "Music video of the Week in the subject line!

For Manga:

Your name:

Title and Author(s):

Artist:

Summary:

Video link:

Volumes: (Include if manga is complete or ongoing)

Fun fact: (this can be about the artist, the style, a

origoing

Avoid AMVs and other fanmade videos to songs, or literal openings and endings.

show or movie the song is featured in, whatever!)

For Music:

Seinen

Genre(s):

Other Media: (if the manga has been made into an anime, movie, or drama)

Demographic: (Kodomomuke, Shounen, Shoujo,

Warnings: (While people shouldn't submit NSFW manga, this is for mild nudity, violence, or any offputting things, such as obscure themes.)

Email your submissions to:

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or head to our site!

**We only have 2 more MoM chances left!!





JMAC PR 2016-17 Announcements

