

Finding Anime in NYC

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New York City Anime



<http://nyc-anime.com/>

Web sites, addresses, and other info for finding anime in NYC can be found in in detail on the New York
<http://nyc-anime.com/>

The site has been maintained for 10 years (but has been at the current web address only since 2005)

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- Come see my updated panel "Finding Anime in NYC" at the [Baruch Anime Asylum Convention \(BAACON\)](#) on Friday 2012-05-11 starting at 12:30. Here is an older (2009) version of the presentation: [pdf 39 KB](#), [part 94 KB](#)
- My "Impact! Anime Rocks America" presentation [pdf 1044 KB](#). A version of this was last presented at the [P.I. Mini-Pop](#) festival on 2010-05-22
- See the [video 6](#) article on a panel with me at [NYAF](#) on 2008-09-28 (the Japanamerica panel). I am in [part 11](#) & [part 12](#) of the video playlist, and in the article paragraph starting "To this, Adams added..." (Thanks to [Laurence Bremer](#) for recording the video)
- See the [Time Out New York](#) article [\[link updated\]](#) on me shopping for anime (April 2008)

Testimonials

"Where and how can you find anime and manga in NYC, as well as anime clubs, anime-related events, and merchandise? Host Clyde Adams III, webmaster of nyc-anime.com for over a decade, has the answers. This is an update of his [NYAF 2007](#) and 2008 panels" ([New York Anime Festival NYAF](#), September 2009 panel schedule)

"Anime expert Clyde Adams III gives us a crash course in Japanese popular culture... He's been a real otaku (superfan) of Japanese anime and manga for nearly two decades... he also manages the fan site nyc-anime.com." ([Time Out New York](#), 2008-04-16)

"...Join the creator one of the best NYC's anime website [sic], www.nyc-anime.com, to get the information you crave."

Finding Anime in NYC

- Where can I get anime (& manga)?
- Where can I watch anime?
- Where can I attend clubs & conventions?
- Where can I attend other anime-related events?

Where can I get anime & manga in NYC?

- Mainstream sources
 - Bookstores
 - Video stores
 - Public libraries
 - Comic book stores
- Private manga libraries
- Specialty stores
- Japanese stores

Where can I get anime & manga in NYC?

- Comic book stores (examples only)
 - Bulletproof Comics
 - Chameleon Comics & Cards
 - Cosmic Comics
 - Forbidden Planet
 - Jim Hanley's Universe
 - Midtown Comics
 - St. Mark's Comics

Where can I get anime & manga in NYC?

- Private manga Libraries
 - MoCCA Manga Library (CLOSED)
 - AnimeNEXT Manga Library
- Specialty stores
 - Anime Castle
 - Image Anime
 - rareFLIX.com
 - Chinatown stores

The Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art (MoCCA) manga library is now closed; it was open to MoCCA members.
The AnimeNEXT manga library is a roaming library that opens at Japanese-pop-culture-related events; the last was at the New York Botanic Garden.

Where can I get anime & manga in NYC?

- Japanese stores
 - Japanese new book stores
 - Asahiya
 - Dori Dori
 - Kinokuniya
 - OCS Bookstore
 - Sanseido
 - Japanese video stores (example only)
 - HQ Video
 - Japanese used book & video stores
 - Book-Off
 - JBC Books

The Book-Off linked here is in Manhattan; there is also one on Long Island.

The JBC Books I'm somewhat familiar with is in Edgewater NJ, but I think they have more stores in the N

Where can I get anime & manga in NYC?

- Chinatown stores
 - Anime Cookies
 - D & V Import
 - Elizabeth Center ("Penguin Village")
 - Iki Iki
 - J & L Game Trading
 - Unet

This list is from the Blue Shinra Project as of Summer 2008, where more information can be found:
<http://blueshinra.com/misc/shopping.shtml>

Where can I watch anime in NYC?

- Clubs & conventions
- Listings
 - Japan Foundation list of Japanese film screenings
 - Subway Cinema blog on Asian film
 - Japan Consul list of cultural events
 - New York-Tokyo
- Mainstream venues
 - Regular cinema
 - Art Cinema
 - Film festivals

Where can I watch anime in NYC?

- Specialty venues
 - ImaginAsian Theater (now Big Cinemas Manhattan)
 - Japan Society
 - New York Asian Film Festival (NYAFF)
 - New York International Children's Film Festival (NYICFF)

Where can I attend clubs & conventions in NYC?

- Note: clubs can have regular meetings and/or special events
- Independent anime clubs
 - Metro Anime (homeless)
 - Anime Club of Long Island (ACOLI)
 - Hudson Heights Anime Club
- Meetups
 - Anime Meetup NYC
 - Manga & Comics Meetup NYC
- Public library anime clubs
 - New York Public Library (various branches)
 - Brooklyn Public Library (various branches)
 - Mineola Library Anime Club

There are many public library anime clubs.

Many, including the Mineola Library Anime Club, are for teens, not adults.

Where can I attend clubs & conventions in NYC?

- School anime clubs (examples only)
 - Anime Asylum (Baruch College)
 - Columbia University Anime Club (CUAC)
 - NYU Club Anime
 - [Brooklyn] Polytechnic Anime Society (PAS)
 - Stevens Anime Club (Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken NJ)
 - Rutgers Japanese Cultural Association (RUJCA, JCA) (New Brunswick NJ)

This is a tiny sample of the very numerous school anime clubs.

Many colleges and high schools have anime clubs; some schools (like Stuyvesant High School) have or had.

Many school anime clubs cease activity during the summer; Stevens Anime Club is an exception.

The meetings of many school clubs, including those at Columbia and NYU, are effectively closed to most

Where can I attend clubs & conventions in NYC?

- Ongoing anime-related conventions
 - MangaNEXT 2012-02-24—26 (not every year)
 - I-Con (Long Island) 2012-03-30—04-01 (Sci-fi con with anime track)
 - Zenkaikon (Philadelphia) 2012-05-11—12
 - AnimeNEXT 2012-06-08—10
 - New York Anime Festival (NYAF) / New York Comic Con (NYCC) 2012-10-11—14

Other sci-fi cons (like Lunacon) may have anime content

Where can I attend clubs & conventions in NYC?

- Club mini-conventions
 - SpringFest 2012-03-10 by [Brooklyn] Polytechnic Anime Society (PAS)
 - PAS-Con 2011-12-03 by [Brooklyn] Polytechnic Anime Society (PAS)
 - Castle Point Anime Convention (CPAC)
2010-04-01 by Stevens Anime Club
(Castle Point on Hudson, Hoboken NJ)
 - BAACON 2012-05-11 by Anime Asylum (Baruch College)

CPAC is an annual spring convention starting in 2008

Where can I attend other anime-related events?

- Fan events
- Vendor promotional events
 - Book events, trade shows, New York-Tokyo
- Educational events
 - MoCCA, a/p/a at NYU, Japan Society, libraries, Asia Pacific Forums
- Charitable fund-raising events
 - Charity auctions, OIWW fundraiser

a/p/a is the Asia / Pacific /America institute of NYU

OIWW is Orphans International WorldWide



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