



[Anime in the Afternoon](#)

Wednesday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 3-5pm

Anime talk, Kalamazoo Public Library

Come hang out with other manga and comic book fans to chat about what we're reading, watch anime, eat snacks, and enjoy a craft or activity.

[Grand Rapids' Asian History Exhibit](#)

May 1- May 31, 9am-9pm

Exhibition, Grand Rapid Public Library



Visit the Main Library during the month of May to explore the Grand Rapids Asian Pacific Foundation's Local Asian History exhibit.



[Art Across Asian Cultures](#)

Thursday, May 2, 7, 9, 16, 23, 30, Tuesday, May 14, 21, 28, 1-2pm

Virtual tour, Smithsonian, [Registration required](#)

The National Museum of Asian Art is home to more than 45,000 objects from the Islamic world, the ancient Near East, East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and the United States. Join a free, docent-led, virtual tour to explore highlights of the museum's collections that showcase the richness and diversity of Asian art.

[Meditation and Mindfulness](#)

Friday, May 3, 10, Tuesday, May 7, 14, Noon-12:45pm

Online workshop, Smithsonian, [Registration required](#)



Meditation helps us build a relationship to a place of inner quietude. Whether you're a beginner or a skilled practitioner, join us for free online meditation sessions each week led by DC-based meditation teachers on Tuesdays and Fridays. Friday sessions include inspiration from art in the museum collections as well as appearances by special guest teachers and artists. All are welcome! No previous experience is required. Meet our meditation teachers: Aparna Sadananda and Philip Bender.

[2024 Summer Tai Chi Classes](#)

Start from Monday, May 6

In person class, Asian Initiates at WMU, [Registration required](#)

Taichi is one of the Chinese Traditional martial arts, which was designed as a unique self-defense technique later evolved into a self-efficacy health exercise. Characterized as flowing, graceful and being well balanced, Tai Chi's movements strengthen the body as well as the mind from within, promote a complete body-mind harmony. Through practicing Tai Chi, the balance of Yin and Yang, the essentials of the nature and relaxation, will be embedded into the practitioner. Unrestrained by age, gender, and health status, Tai Chi can serve as an ideal physical exercise to many. Summer classes are open only to those who have class previously taken this class.



[2024 Summer Chinese Language Classes](#)

Start from Tuesday, May 7

In person & online class, Asian Initiates at WMU, [Registration required](#)

Mandarin Chinese is the longest-living written and spoken language in the history of the world. Used by 1.4 billion people, it is also the most widely spoken language. In today's world of increased global interconnectivity, Mandarin is quickly becoming a major language for business and educational development. Chinese language classes offered by the Chinese Language and Culture Programming at WMU provide the Greater Kalamazoo community with an opportunity to study the language in a fun, casual environment to adult learners for all ages (18 years of age or older). Summer classes are open only to those who have class previously taken this class.

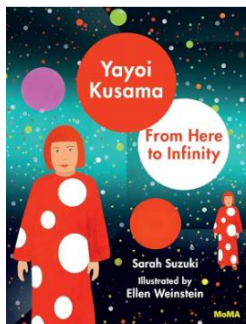
[2024 Summer Chinese Art Classes](#)

Start from Wednesday, May 8

In person class, Asian Initiates at WMU, [Registration required](#)



Chinese Painting and Chinese Calligraphy was regarded as one of the fundamental skills of scholars in ancient China and East Asia for thousands of years, it is also a creative way of free expression and relaxation. These course guide students into meditation over painting paper, exploring the relationship between art, behavior, thoughts, aesthetic pursuing, and finding the connection and relationship between human beings, nature, and the universe. These courses are best for but not limited to those who have gained some fundamental training on painting.

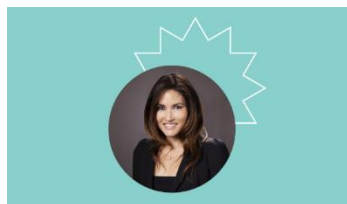


[Art Detectives: Yayoi Kusama: From Here to Infinity](#)

Saturday, May 11, 10:30-11:30am

Art workshop, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, [Registration required](#)

Join Art Detectives to learn about artist Yayoi Kusama and look for patterns in artworks on exhibit. Then make your own artwork inspired by Yayoi Kusama.



[Grand Rapids History | Chinatown's Most Prominent Family](#)

Thursday, May 16, 6:30-7:30pm

Lecture, Grand Rapids Public Library

Join GRPL and Jennifer Tompkins, Community History and Education Director of the Grand Rapids Asian Pacific Foundation, to learn how Chan Hoy, Charles B. Young, and Harry Clyatt left their mark on Grand Rapids and the nation.

[Dragon Boat Festival](#)

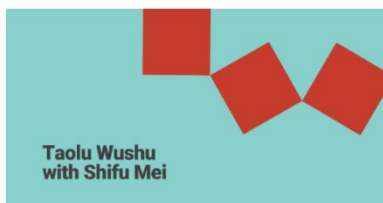
Monday, May 20, 6:30-7:30pm

Cultural Event, Kalamazoo Public Library Oshtemo Branch,

[Registration required](#)



Discover the history and cultural significance of the Dragon Boat Festival with our friends from Asian Initiatives at Western Michigan University.



[Taolu Wushu with Shifu Mei](#)

Saturday, May 25, 11am-Noon

Workshop, Grand Rapids Public Library

Kids are invited to learn about Taolu Wushu, a traditional Chinese Kung Fu form, with Shifu Mei and her students from Golden Tiger Kung Fu Academy. Academy students will showcase Broadswords, Long Fist techniques, traditional forms, and weapons forms. Shifu Mei, a 6th-degree black belt and seven time National Wushu Champion, will teach some basic Taolu Wushu techniques right after the student demonstration!



[ArtBreak: Maya Lin: A Strong, Clear Vision](#)

Tuesday, May 28, Noon-1:30pm

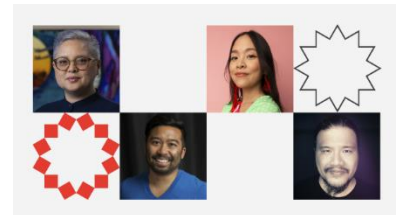
Film Screening, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, [Registration required](#)

Join us in observing Memorial Day with a screening of the 1994 film *Maya Lin: A Strong, Clear Vision*. This Academy Award-winning documentary tells the story of architect-sculptor Maya Lin, whose design for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was selected from over a thousand submissions when she was a 21-year-old student at Yale University. The film explores the controversy that arose surrounding the design of the monument as well as its creator herself, a young, Chinese-American woman who stood her ground in the face of widespread criticism. Dedicated on Veteran's Day in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial has become one of the world's most-visited memorials.

[Artist Talk with Jeffrey Songco, Chien-An Yuan, & Kim Thái Nguyễn](#)

Thursday, May 30, 6:30-8pm

Art talk, Grand Rapids Main Library



Join regional artists, Jeffrey Songco, Chien-An Yuan, & Kim Thái Nguyễn for a panel discussion moderated by Laura Kina. Learn how these multidisciplinary artists' AAPI heritage has influenced their work and what it's like being an artist working in the Midwest. Panelists will be presenting a selection of their work.



[Kyungmi Shin: A Story to Finding Us](#)

January 20- May 12

Art Exhibition, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts

The artist uses her works to assert the importance of recounting and celebrating stories that represent the perseverance of the Asian Diaspora.

[The Anniversary Show: Promised Gifts from the Joy and Timothy Light Collection](#)

May 25- September 1

Art Exhibition, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts



This exhibition delves into the artistic heritage of China and Japan by exploring a variety of media, including ink paintings, calligraphy, and woodblock prints. Among the distinguished artists featured are Huáng Bínhóng, whose masterful ink landscapes rendered with a sense of tranquility and reverence, capture the timeless beauty of the Chinese countryside.