

Finding Anime in NYC

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- Come see my updated presentation "Finding Anime in NYC" at the [Baruch Anime Asylum Convention \(BAACon\)](#) on Friday 2012-04-12 starting at 13:00 in room 3-165 (panel room 1). Here is an older (2012) version of the presentation: [pdf 170 KB](#), [ppt 821 KB](#). Versions of this were presented by me and my fellow panelists (named in the notes) at anime cons from NYAF 2007 through BAACon 2012.
- See my "Impact! Anime Rocks America" presentation [pdf 1044 KB](#). A version of this was last presented at the PJ Mini-Pop festival on 2010-05-23.
- See the [video](#) & [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 [Lawrence Brenner](#) 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 2008-04-10](#)]

"Join the creator one of the best NYC's anime website [[sic](#)] www.nyc-anime.com, to get the information you crave." [[AnimeNEXT Pocket Schedule 2008-06-20](#)]

"New York City Anime—A pretty darn comprehensive list of NYC-area anime and related cons, events, stores, reviews and more. It's not fancy, but its da bomb for any local or visiting otaku." [[Videocon Links](#)]

"A one-stop shop for always up-to-date information about events, festivals, Meetups and other goings on" [[Heath Row, Anime in New York on Soudo!](#)]

"The best web guide to anime resources in New York City and vicinity" [[Anime Club of Long Island \(ACOLI\) Links: Club Affiliates 2007-03-07](#)]

"...I found the Japanese Cultural Events and Resources section of your website (which is excellent by the way)..."

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
 - Kim's Video
 - 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 next stop is the Botanic Garden.

Kim's Video



Where can I get anime & manga in NYC?

- Japanese stores
 - Japanese new book stores
 - Asahiya (CLOSED)
 - Dori Dori
 - Kinokuniya
 - OCS Bookstore
 - Sanseido

Sanseido is in the Mitsuwa shopping center in Edgewater NJ.

Kinokuniya



Kinokuniya Bookstores, 1073 6th Ave (btw 40th & 41st St), New York NY 10018 (main NYC store), +1-212-869-1700, open Monday–Saturday 10:00–20:00, Sunday 11:00–19:30

Sanseido Books at Mitsuwa, NJ



Sanseido Bookstore, 595 River Rd #120 (in Mitsuwa shopping center), Edgewater NJ 07020-1104, +1-201-941-1564, open 10:00–20:00 daily

Where can I get anime & manga in NYC?

- Japanese stores (continued)
 - Japanese used book & video stores
 - Book-Off
 - JBC Books
 - Japanese video stores
 - Akean Video
 - Goraku
 - HQ Video
 - Midnight Video
 - Wanpaku USA

The Book-Off linked here is in Manhattan; there is or was also one in Westchester.

The JBC Books I'm somewhat familiar with is near the Mitsuwa shopping center in Edgewater NJ, but I th

Book-Off (old)



Book-Off old location until March 2010, 14 E 41st St

Book-Off



Book-Off current location since April 2010, 49 W 45th St (btw 5th & 6th Ave), New York NY 10036, +1-212-685-1410, open 10:00–20:00.

Goraku



Goraku: Japanese DVD, Manga, & Internet cafe

129 E 47th St btw Lexington & 3rd Ave, New York NY 10017, +1-212-827-0502

Open Monday–Friday 10:00–24:00, Saturday 10:30–24:00, Sunday 11:00–22:00

HQ Video



HQ Video: Japanese video sales and rental

21 W 45th St Fl 2 (btw 5th & 6th Ave), New York NY 10036-4908, +1-212-221-0027

Where can I get anime & manga in NYC?

- Chinatown stores
 - Anime Cookies
 - D & V Imports
 - 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>

D & V Imports



D & V Imports

210 Canal St (btw Baxter & Mulberry St), New York NY 10013-4155, +1-212-227-2212

60 Mott St (btw Canal & Bayard St), New York NY 10013-4811, +1-212-791-3391

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's 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?

- Independent anime clubs
- Meetups
- Public library anime clubs
- School anime clubs
- Ongoing anime-related conventions
- Club mini-conventions

Anime clubs

- *(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
 - Soho Host Club
- Meetups
 - Anime Meetup NYC
 - Manga & Comics Meetup NYC

There are many public library anime clubs.

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

Metro Anime club (old)



Metro Anime club meeting in Maui Tacos in midtown (now closed)

Metro Anime club



Metro Anime club now holds special free screenings here every 2 or 3 months starting August 2013:

Producers' Club, 358 W 44th St near SE corner with 9th Ave, New York NY 10036-5426, +1-212-315-4743

Anime Meetup



Cafe R, 116 W 32nd St btw 6th & 7th Ave, New York NY 10001, +1-212-695-9550
NYC Anime Meetup meets here typically on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
NYC Manga Meetup meets here typically on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Anime Meetup



Anime clubs

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- Public library anime clubs
 - New York Public Library (various branches)
 - Brooklyn Public Library (various branches)
 - Mineola Library Anime Club

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Anime clubs

- *(Note: clubs can have regular meetings and/or special events)*
- 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

Anime cons

- Ongoing anime-related conventions
 - MangaNEXT (New Jersey) 2012-02-24—26 (not every year)
 - I-Con (Long Island) (Sci-fi con with anime track) (Latest 2012)
 - LI-Con (Long Island) (Sci-fi con with anime track) 2014-03-29—30
 - Zenkaikon (Philadelphia) 2014-04-25—27
 - AnimeNEXT (New Jersey) 2014-06-06—08
 - Senshi Matsuri (Manhattan) 2013-06-30 (1-shot?)
 - New York Anime Festival (NYAF) / New York Comic Con (NYCC) (Manhattan) 2014-10-09—12
 - ShinkouCon (New Jersey) 2015-06-26—28

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

Anime cons

- Club mini-conventions
 - AniMiniCon SoHo 2012-08-10—12
 - SpringFest 2014-03-15—16 by [Brooklyn] Polytechnic Anime Society (PAS)
 - PAS-Con 2011-12-03 by [Brooklyn] Polytechnic Anime Society (PAS)
 - Castle Point Anime Convention (CPAC) 2014-04-06 by Stevens Anime Club (Castle Point on Hudson, Hoboken NJ)
 - BAACon 2014-04-25 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, Orphans International Worldwide (OIWW) fundraiser

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

OIWW is Orphans International WorldWide

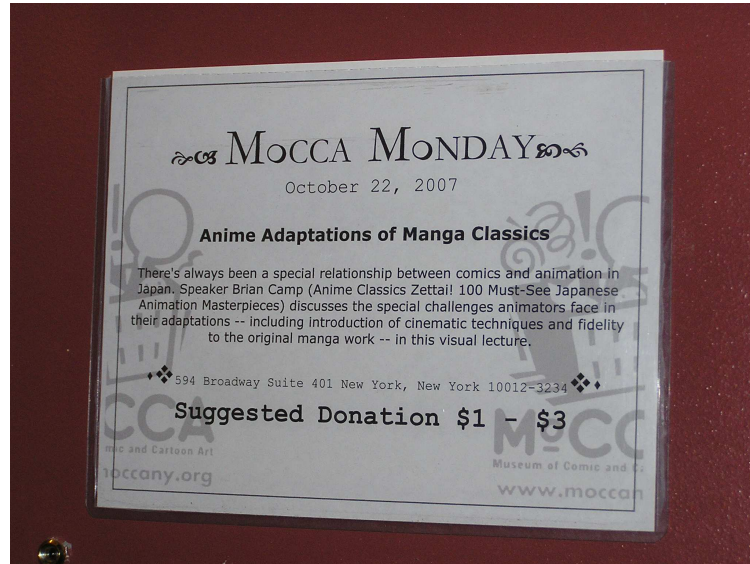
MoCCA event



2007-10-22 MoCCA event

Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art (MoCCA) at its old location on Broadway

MoCCA event



2007-10-22 MoCCA event sign

MoCCA event



2007-10-22 MoCCA event audience

MoCCA event



2007-10-22 MoCCA event speaker: Brian Camp

Subject: “Anime Adaptations of Manga Classics”

Brian is author (with Julie Davis) of *Anime Classics Zettai! 100 Must-See Japanese Animation Masterpieces* (2007)

His blog is: Brian Camp’s Film and Anime Blog: Flash Gordon meets Cowboy Bebop at Shaolin Temple

<http://briandanacamp.wordpress.com/>

Appendix 1: Toys

- Image Anime
- KidRobot
- Toy Tokyo

Image Anime

- Toys and models



KidRobot



Toy Tokyo



Toy Tokyo



Godzilla and Clyde Adams III at Toy Tokyo; photo from *Time Out New York* April 2008

Appendix 2: Past & gone

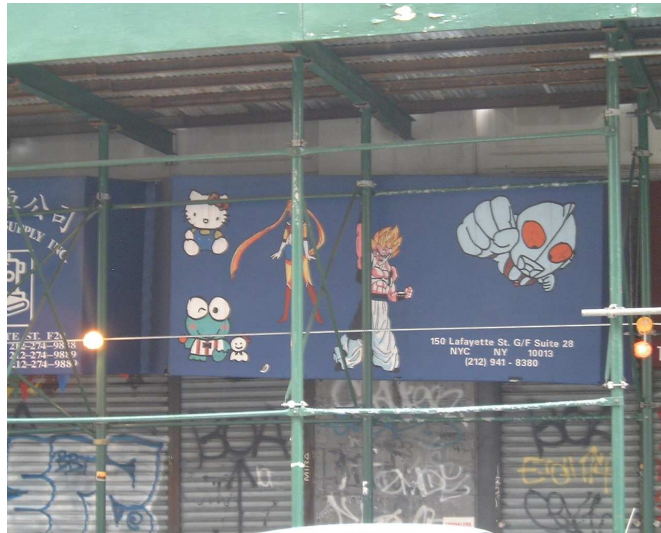
- Anime Crash
- Asahiya
- Café Atom
- Games & James
- Mangaya
- Octopus Kingdom
- Otakuden

Anime Crash



Anime Crash on E 4th St in NoHo

Octopus Kingdom



Octopus Kingdom, 150 Lafayette St

Otakuden



Otakuden (formerly Games & James), 732 Broadway



“Great anime ranks with the highest art. It touches the heart and moves the soul.”

From *Time Out New York* April 2008

Clyde Adams III in custom Ranma ½ sweatshirt in front of *Vagabond* mural at Kinokuniya Books