






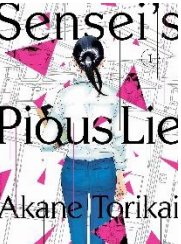
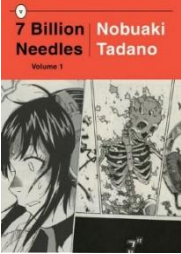
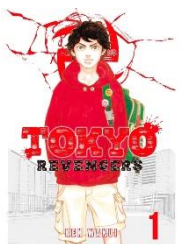


# The Japan Foundation, Toronto Library Book Club

## Books discussed during The JFT Library Book Club Online – Manga (June 15, 2022)

	Title	Author	Genre
	<b>A Silent Voice</b>	Oima, Yoshitoki	Shonen, Romance, School Life
	<p>Shoya is a bully. When Shoko, a girl who can't hear, enters his elementary school class, she becomes their favourite target, and Shoya and his friends goad each other into devising new tortures for her. But the children's cruelty goes too far. Shoko is forced to leave the school, and Shoya ends up shouldering all the blame. Six years later, the two meet again. Can Shoya make up for his past mistakes, or is it too late?</p> <p><i>*Borrow <a href="#">ebook from JF OverDrive</a> or search the <a href="#">Library's Online Catalogue</a> for physical book.</i></p>		
	<b>Ayako</b>	Tezuka, Osamu	Seinen, Mystery, Suspense
	<p>Overflowing with imagery of the cold war seen through Japan's eyes, Ayako is firmly set in realism taking inspiration from a number of historical events that occurred over the American occupation and the cultural-revolution which soon followed. Believed to be Tezuka's answer to the gekiga (dramatic comics) movement of the 60's, Ayako should be considered one of the better early examples of a seinen (young adult) narrative to be published.</p> <p><i>*Borrow <a href="#">ebook from JF OverDrive</a> or search the <a href="#">Library's Online Catalogue</a> for physical book.</i></p>		
	<b>Blue Period</b>	Yamaguchi, Tsubasa	Seinen, Art, School Life
	<p>Yatora is the perfect high school student, with good grades and lots of friends. It's an effortless performance, and, ultimately...a dull one. But he wanders into the art room one day, and a lone painting captures his eye, awakening him to a kind of beauty he never knew. Compelled and consumed, he dives in headfirst — and he's about to learn how savage and unforgiving art can be!</p> <p><i>*Borrow <a href="#">ebook from JF OverDrive</a> or search the <a href="#">Library's Online Catalogue</a> for physical book.</i></p>		
	<b>Cells at Work !</b>	Shimizu, Akane	Shonen, Science, Adventure
	<p>Strep throat! Hay fever! Influenza! The world is a dangerous place for a red blood cell just trying to get her deliveries finished. Fortunately, she's not alone... she's got a whole human body's worth of cells ready to help out! The mysterious white blood cell, the buff and brash killer T cell, the nerdy neuron, even the cute little platelets -- everyone's got to come together if they want to keep you healthy!</p> <p><i>*Borrow <a href="#">ebook from JF OverDrive</a>.</i></p>		
	<b>Fire Force</b>	Ohkubo, Atsushi	Shonen, Dark Fantasy, SF
	<p>The city of Tokyo is plagued by a deadly phenomenon: spontaneous human combustion! Luckily, a special team is there to quench the inferno: The Fire Force! The fire soldiers at Special Fire Cathedral 8 are about to get a unique addition. Enter Shinra, a boy who possesses the power to run at the speed of a rocket, leaving behind the famous "devil's footprints" (and destroying his shoes in the process). Can Shinra and his colleagues discover the source of this strange epidemic before the city burns to ashes?</p>		

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	<b>Karneval</b>	Mikanagi, Touya	Josei, Action, SF
	<p>Nai—a young man who travels in search of another by the name of Karoku, a lone bracelet his only lead. Gareki—a willful young man who earns his daily bread by thieving and picking pockets. Thrown together at an eerie mansion, where they are entrapped and framed, Nai and Gareki are soon hunted down as criminals by national security forces. As they are driven into a corner, before them appears the most powerful defense agency in the country, “Circus”—!!</p>		
	<b>Ode to Kirihito</b>	Tezuka, Osamu	Seinen, Horror, Medical
	<p>A promising young doctor, Kirihito Osanai visits a remote Japanese mountain village to investigate the source of the latest medical mystery. While he ends up traveling the world to discover what it takes to be cured of such a disease, a conspiracy back home attempts to explain away his absence. Hinging upon his fate are those of his loved ones: an unstable childhood friend and colleague trapped between factions of the medical establishment that nurtured him; a fiancée emotionally transformed by Kirihito’s mysterious disappearance; and a stranger who becomes his guardian angel, a sensual circus-act performer with volatile psychological secrets.</p> <p><i>*Borrow <a href="#">ebook from JF OverDrive</a> or search the <a href="#">Library’s Online Catalogue</a> for physical book.</i></p>		
	<b>Sensei's Pious Lie</b>	Torikai, Akane	Seinen, Romance, Mature Drama
	<p>Misuzu Hara is a quiet, reserved 24-year-old high school teacher whose world is turned upside down after her friend’s fiancé rapes her. Her attempt to connect with one of her students, himself a victim of sexual trauma, results in an unlikely romance, and the repercussions of these events affect everyone around them in often unpredictable ways.</p> <p><i>*Borrow <a href="#">ebook from JF OverDrive</a> or search the <a href="#">Library’s Online Catalogue</a> for physical book.</i></p>		
	<b>7 Billion Needles</b>	Tadano, Nobuaki	Seinen, Horror, SF
	<p>On a clear calm night, while on a class trip to the beach, Hikaru Takabe decides to go for a walk to escape the shackles of school and peer pressure. While observing the stars above a calm dark sea in an instant she is disintegrated when struck by a meteor. Flash forward one page, and Hikaru awakes, from what seems like a horrible daydream of sorts, sitting amongst classmates in school without a scratch on her. The meteor dream seemed so real she cannot believe she's alive, but given her relative aloof nature, she soon shrugs off the events and moves on with life. However, one thing she cannot shake off is the strange buzzing she hears coming from her new pair of headphones...</p> <p><i>*Search the <a href="#">Library’s Online Catalogue</a> for physical book.</i></p>		
	<b>Tokyo Revengers</b>	Wakui, Ken	Shonen, Action, SF
	<p>Watching the news, Takemichi Hanagaki learns that his girlfriend from way back in middle school, Hinata Tachibana, has died. The only girlfriend he ever had was just killed by a villainous group known as the Tokyo Manji Gang. He lives in a crappy apartment with thin walls, and his six-years-younger boss treats him like an idiot. Plus, he's a complete and total virgin... At the height of his rock-bottom life, he suddenly time-leaps 12 years back to his middle school days!! To save Hinata, and change the life he spent running away, hopeless part-timer Takemichi must aim for the top of Kanto's most sinister delinquent gang!!</p> <p><i>*Borrow <a href="#">ebook from JF OverDrive</a>.</i></p>		

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