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Multilingual Newsletter

For foreign residents of Kagoshima City

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CIR Report

Article by Noh Soyeon



I went to the 21st Kagoshima Kinko Bay Summer Night Fireworks Exhibition!

Kagoshima summers sure are hot... I'm not a big fan of the summer heat, but I still love summer fireworks! I went to this year's Kagoshima Kinko Bay Summer Night Fireworks Exhibition, the largest fireworks show in Kyushu. Around 15,000 fireworks were set off with Sakurajima in the background, filling the night sky with color. This year's show began with a drone display to commemorate Tokyo Disney Resort's 40th anniversary. The sky was filled with adorable Disney characters! The fireworks set to music also packed a punch. It was a very moving show and was also tons of fun. If you didn't go this year, definitely try to go next year to experience the magic for yourself!

Event Information!

◇Ohara Festival

- ▶ Thursday, Nov. 2, 18:50-20:30 Night fest
Mass dance, Ogojo drum performance
- ▶ Friday (holiday), November 3, 10:20-15:25 Main Festival

Part 1: Mass dance, Ogojo drum performance
Part 2: Marching, Tokyo Disney Resort® 40th anniversary special parade
Part 3: Mass dance, Ogojo drum performance
Part 4: Dance time (Ohara 21)

Location : Takamibaba Intersection - Izuro - Sanbashi-dori

Contact : Sun-sun Call Kagoshima 808-3333
HP : kagoshima-yokanavi.jp/event/10001

◇16th Kagoshima Asian Youth Arts Festival ～Asian Kagoshima 2023～

- Dates: Weekend of November 25-26
- ▶ Day 1 : Youth Music Festival at Houzan Hall (Kagoshima Prefectural Cultural Center)
 - ▶ Day 2 : Asian Festival in Tenmonkan area (mainly in Kagoshima Chuo Park)
- Website: <https://www.kiex.jp/asian/>



Life in Kagoshima Article by Rebecca LeVeque

○ “Fall” into reading at the library!

Did you know that in Japanese, there are fixed phrases people use to describe what the season of fall means to them, such as “dokusho no aki” (“fall of reading”) and “shokuyoku no aki” (“fall of appetite/eating”)? Since many people associate fall with reading, I’d like to show you how to use the City Library so you can enjoy reading in Kagoshima (for free)!

① How to receive a library card

Only those living, working, and going to school in Kagoshima City can receive a City Library card. First, bring an ID with your name and address to the counter of the Kagoshima City Library (in Kamoike) or Tenmonkan Library (Centerrace Tenmonkan 4F) and tell the staff you’d like to make a library card. You will then fill out a form and receive a shiny new library card!



Catalog search machine - you can search in English and hiragana (こども)!

② How to check out and return books

To find books, you can search the actual shelves, use the catalog search machines in the library, and search the online catalog. To reserve books online, click the green “LOGIN” button on the library’s home page.

Once you find the book you wish to reserve, bring the book to the counter and have the staff scan it, or use the self checkout machines. If you have reserved a book online, that book will be set aside at the pickup location you selected. Tell the staff at the counter that you have a reserved book ready. You must present your library card in order to check out books. Once your books have been checked out, you will receive a receipt with the due date.

Be sure to return the book on time! You can return books at library counters or in book returns (book posts) located throughout the city that say, “鹿児島市立図書館.” You can renew books one time, online or at the counter.

For more details, visit <https://lib.kagoshima-city.jp/>

Rebecca's recommended reads! 📚



English books at Tenmonkan Library (Centerrace Tenmonkan 4F)



Foreign Language picture books at City Library



Japanese study books at City Library (Call number 810-)

Enjoy life in Kagoshima with KagoTips! Article by Liu Kaili

♡Kagoshima Ramen Special

♡Kagoshima Ramen Garufu Tenmonkan



Established in 1972, Garufu prides themselves for their tonkotsu soup and carefully seasoned pork, cooked one at a time! There are English-speaking staff, so foreign customers are more than welcome!

-Kaili-

♡ Zabon Ramen (Chuo Eki Location)



Established in 1946, Sabon's method of enjoying ramen is to vigorously mix the specially-made sauce, tonkotsu soup, veggies, and noodles at the bottom of the donburi! The soup, with plenty of umami, made for very delicious ramen!

-Soyeon-

♡ Komurasaki Ramen Tenmonkan



Established in 1950, Komurasaki places value on maintaining its original flavor and atmosphere. Since the ramen has plenty of Kagoshima beef and vegetables, I kept thinking, “This sure is healthy” while enjoying it!

-Rebecca-

♡ Magnions' Kagoshima Discoveries! ♡ (Kagoshima City PR Character “Magnion,” volcano sprites)



Us Magnions decided to get in on the action for this Ramen Special as well! We made the BIG discovery that there are SO MANY of ramen places in Kagoshima City, all with unique flavors!!! Why don't you give them a taste and compare? We'll continue to seek out new discoveries in Kagoshima!



By the way, have you downloaded Kagoshima City’s official app, KagoTips? The app guides you to official links with tons of info about life, events, transportation, and more in Kagoshima! There is also info about a variety of consultation services, so give the app a download if you find yourself in need of help. Of course, the app is available in multiple languages - as of now, Japanese, simple Japanese, English, Mandarin (Simplified and Traditional), Korean, and Vietnamese are included. You might be surprised at just how much there is in Kagoshima. Feel free to use KagoTips to enjoy your life in Kagoshima to the fullest!

♡Stay tuned until next time for even more new discoveries!