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## Asian Pacific American Heritage Month - May



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Asian Culture Center of TN is exhibiting our country costume at Knox County Office 6F. We would like to invite you to see and enjoy "rich Asian Arts". FASHION IS A form of language. What we wear broadcasts critical information about us, significant power-packed symbols. They serve as a visible sign of profession, ethnicity and status.

An exhibition at Knox County Office 6F spotlights the visual symbols and meaning of clothing and objects of personal adornment in various cultures of SouthEast Asia. Each country displays an explanation of history and the story. This exhibition is Educational and FREE event for everyone. Enjoy.

Take the photo of your favorite costume and post with [#knoxasianfestival](#) on your social media. We will choose 20 people to get a FREE official Knox Asian Festival T-shirt.

Thank you so much for your help.

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## Knoxville display honors Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month













## Today is Children Day in Japan. May 5th Happy Kodomo no hi

May 5 was originally known as *Tango no sekku* (たんごのせっき), the Japanese equivalent of the Double Fifth which is a holiday celebrated in many Chinese households around the world. In 1948, the government changed the official name to Children's Day.

Households that have a boy will hoist fierce and colorful carp flags outside their homes, and you can witness the same in various public places across the country. Carps are the symbol of the holiday.

According to an ancient Chinese legend, a mixed school of fish tried to fight their way up a waterfall called "Ryumon" (竜門), or dragon gate. While all the other fish gave up and drifted downstream, the carps persisted, and once inside Dragon Gate, they transformed into dragons. While there are different versions of this age-old tale, the Japanese version ripened into a proverb —*koi no taki-nobori*, 鯉の滝登り. I'm going to go out on a limb and guess that that folk wisdom was shortened into 鯉登り, "*koinobori*," the modern name for the famous carp flags.





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## Movies suggestion on [Kanopy](#)

### 1) **Foundations of Eastern Civilization**

made in 2013 by The Great Courses  
48 episodes about 30-40 mins each.

### 2) **Home from the Eastern Sea**

The story of Asian American Immigration to America.  
1990 58 mins

### 3) **East of Occidental**

1986, 30 mins.

Hx of Seattle's Chinatown, the neighborhood where Chinese, Japanese and Filipino Americans have come together as a political and social force.

### More light hearted topics:

### 4) **The Slanted Screen**

Hollywood's Representation of Asian Men in Film and TV  
2006 55 mins.

### 5) **Asian Style Grilling**

2015 33 mins.

### 6) **The Grace Lee Project**

Deconstructing an Asian-American stereotype.  
2005 68 mins.

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## PBS - Asian American History

Asian Americans is a five-hour film series that delivers a bold, fresh perspective on a history that matters today, more than ever. As America becomes more diverse, and more divided, while facing unimaginable challenges, how do we move forward together? Told through intimate and personal lives, the series will cast a new lens on U.S. history and the ongoing role that Asian Americans have played in shaping the nation's story.



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We're pleased to present over thirty lesson plans based on the *Asian American* series. You'll find this collection to include the stories behind the Chinese Exclusion Act, the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, Southeast Asian refugees after the Vietnam War, Filipino American Farmworkers, the fight for civil rights and much more.

Teachers may utilize these lesson plans which are drawn from the series to explore the ways that Asian Americans have shaped our nation's history.

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