

ANIMAL ANIME AND MANGA

AGES

Teens

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

It is no secret that teens love anime and manga. Does your library have an anime program or club? If not, consider adding one! You could focus on anime and hold regular screenings of TV series or movies, or you could add an instructional component on how to draw anime characters and manga. For the latter, allow plenty of time to draw and socialize. Suggested runtime: 120 minutes

Anime/manga basics:

- Anime (definition): Animated Japanese TV series or movies
- Manga (definition): A style of Japanese comic books
- Anime is sometimes, but not always, based on a manga series



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MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

You will need:

- Anime covered by your license
- Laptop and AV equipment
- A display of manga series
- Reference books on drawing manga
- Paper and drawing supplies

TIP:

Both anime and manga contain works for all audience demographics, so the label “manga” does not guarantee age-appropriateness.

ADAPTATION:

This program could be aged down for children by choosing options such as Pokémon, Hamtaro, or other age-appropriate titles.

UNIQUE SPACE AND PERSONNEL NEEDS

You will need a room or outdoors area where you can screen anime.

RESOURCES

Animal Anime Series on Crunchyroll

Bananya (2016)

Bonobono (1987)

Chi's Sweet Home: Chi's New Address (2009)

Dog and Scissors (2013)

Lovely Muiuuuuuico! (2015)

Meow Meow Japanese History

My Roommate Is a Cat (TV-14) (2015)

Polar Bear Café (2012)

Poyopoyo (2012)

Samurai Pizza Cats (1990)

Sherlock Hound (1984)

Working Buddies! (2018)

Animal Anime on Funimation

Africa Salaryman (TV-14) (2019)

Girl Meets Bear (TV-14) (also on Crunchyroll)

My Roommate Is a Cat (TV-14) (2015) (also on Crunchyroll)

The Boy and the Beast (2016) (PG-13)

More Animal Anime

The Cat Returns (2020)

Ginga Legend Weed (2005)

Inazma Delivery (2018)

The Life of Budori Gusko (2012)

Master Hamsters (2007)

One Stormy Night (2012)

Pom Poko (PG) (1994)

Princess Mononoke (PG-13) (1997)

Rilakuma Seikatsu (2003)

So I'm a Spider, So What? (2020)

NOTE:

These lists are intended as a general guide, and streaming availability may change. Many ratings are unknown, so please preview all episodes.

TIP:

Both Crunchyroll and Funimation have processes by which libraries can obtain free licenses for public screenings. See Resources for links.

Animal Anime for Children

Hamtaro (1997)

My Neighbor Totoro (G) (1988)

Pokémon (TV-Y7)

Pokémon The Movie: I Choose You (TV-Y7)

Pokémon: The Power of Us (TV-Y7)

Manga Series

Beastars (Vols. 1–7) by Paru Itagaki (YA)

Chi's Sweet Adventures (Vols. 1–3) by Konomi Kanata (middle grade)

The Complete Chi's Sweet Home (Vols. 1–4) by Konomi Kanata (middle grade)

Fruits Basket (Vols. 1–12) by Natsuki Takaya (YA)

Giant Spider and Me: A Post-Apocalyptic Tale (Vols. 1–3) by Kikori Morino (YA)

A Polar Bear in Love (Vols. 1–4) by Koromo (middle grade)

Sherlock Bones (Vols 1–7) by Yuma Ando and Yuki Sato (YA)

So I'm A Spider, So What? (Vols 1–9) by Okina Baba (YA)

Drawing Nonfiction

Drawing Manga Animals, Chibis, and Other Adorable Creatures (2009) by J.C. Amberlyn

How to Draw Kawaii Cute Animals and Characters (2017) by Rachel Goldstein

How to Draw Manga Vol. 36: Animals (2015) by Hikaru Hayashi

Illustration School: Let's Draw Cute Animals (2010) by Sachiko Umoto

Manga Origami (2016) by Márcio Hideshi Noguchi and Seth Friedman

The Master Guide to Drawing Anime (2015) by Christopher Hart

Web

Crunchyroll's library outreach program: <https://bit.ly/2xX7HSB>

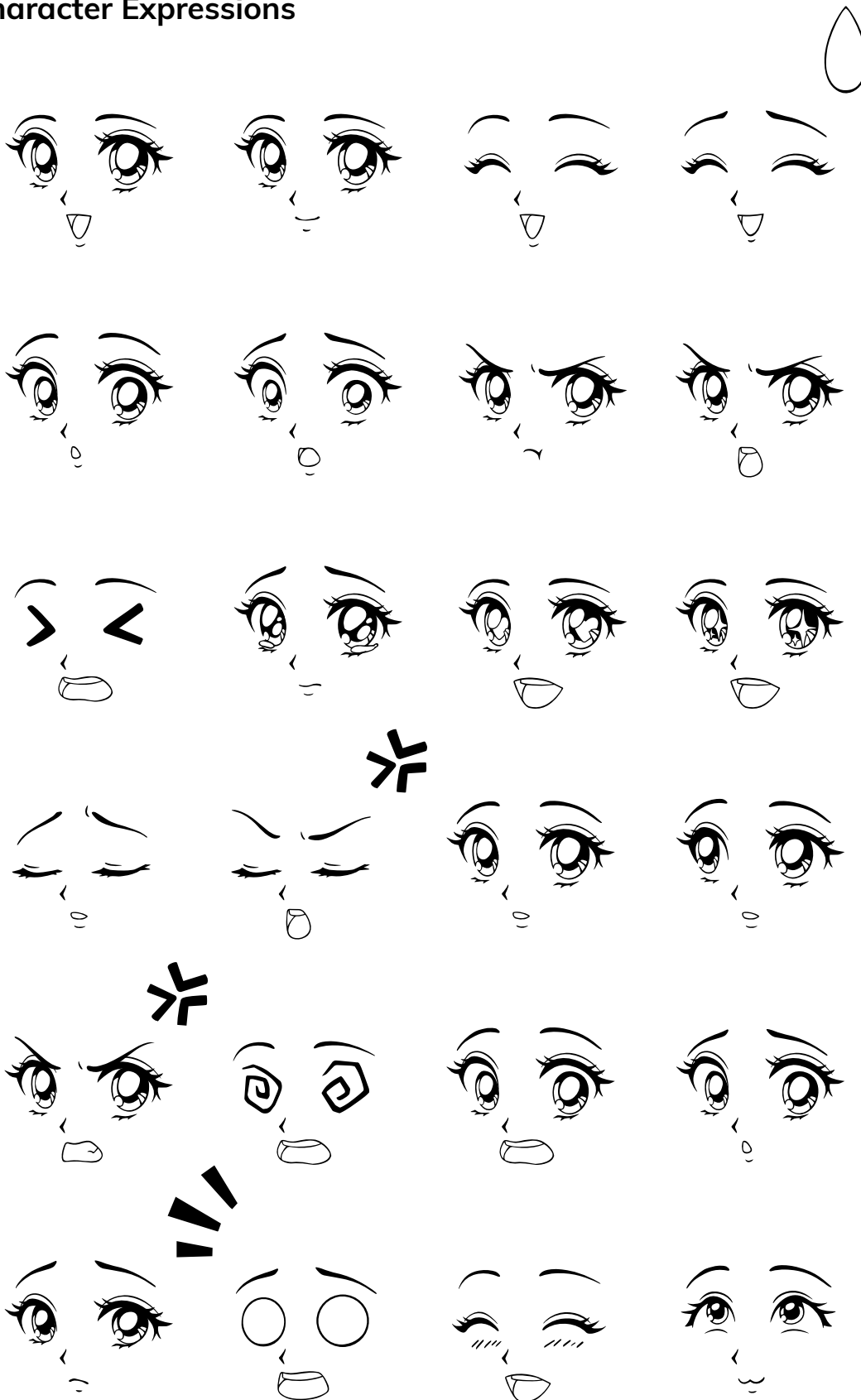
Funimation's screening licenses: <https://bit.ly/3fBLFps>

Anime 101 from *School Library Journal*: <https://bit.ly/3ctfLJZ>

How to Draw Anime Animals: <https://bit.ly/2WnZuAe>

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Anime Character Expressions



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Kawaii Character Expressions

