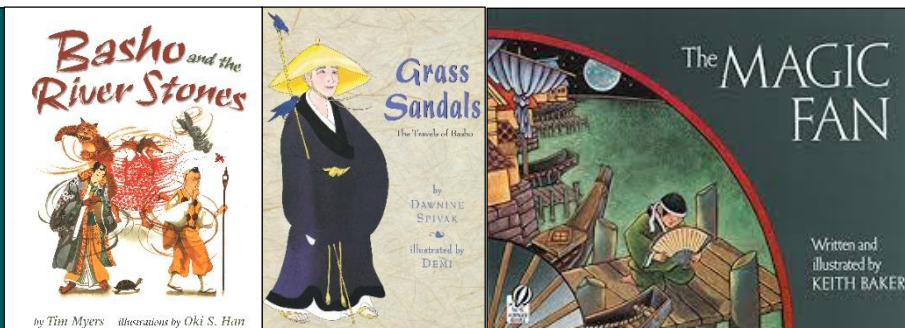


**NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING ABOUT ASIA
PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER
FREE WINTER/SPRING ONLINE BOOK GROUP**

**Japan through
Children's Literature:
Basho's
Edo Japan**



The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, invites applications from elementary and middle school teachers for this winter/spring 2021 online book group.

Overview: Through the picturebooks, *Basho and the River Stones* by Tim J. Myers and illustrated Oki S. Han, *Grass Sandals* by Dawnine Spivak and illustrated by Demi, and *The Magic Fan* by Keith Baker, readers learn about Matsuo Bashō, a famous haiku poet and his home and environs in 17th-century Edo Japan. In this online seminar, participants will explore the geography of Edo Japan through the Edo arts of poetry and woodblock prints and discuss classroom applications of the text-set for language arts and social studies.

Online Format: The book group will be offered through three asynchronous modules. The book group opens with online introductions, January 29, 2021. The three modules run: February 5-18; February 19-March 4; and March 5-18. In early April 2021, a concluding webinar with author Tim J. Myer (sponsored by NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies) and submission of a final paper and evaluation will complete the program.

Eligibility and Expectations: Open to elementary and middle school teachers nationwide. Admission is selective and priority will be given to contract teachers whose curriculum incorporates Japan and teachers who have not previously taken an online course with the University of Colorado's NCTA or TEA programs. Participants are responsible for acquiring the three books in advance of the book group start date. Teachers are expected to participate fully in all three module discussions and the webinar with author, submit a three- to four-page Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the books in their teaching, and complete an evaluation.

Participation is free, with the following benefits for full participation:

- Certificate of Completion for 16 contact hours.
- \$50 recognition award upon satisfactory completion of the course.

Apply online at www.colorado.edu/ptea/Japan-Child-Lit-Reg. Application closes January 21, 2021, or when book group is full. Course limit: 20 eligible teachers. For more information, e-mail Catherine Ishida, ishida@colorado.edu.