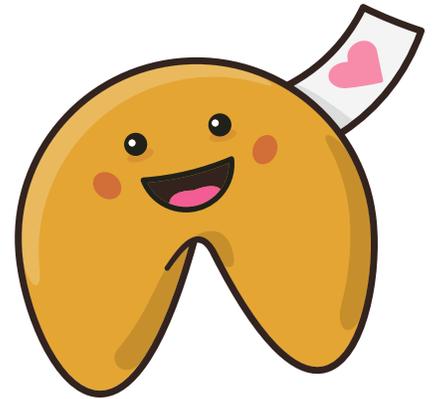


TEEN ANIME CLUB

A Brief History of the Fortune Cookie

As far back as the 1870s, some confectionary shops near Kyoto, Japan carried a cracker with the same folded shape and a fortune tucked into the bend, instead of its hollow inside. It's called the "tsujiura senbei," or "fortune cracker," according to Jennifer Lee, author of *The Fortune Cookie Chronicles: Adventures in the World of Chinese Food*, which recounts the history of the cookie.



The Japanese cracker was made with sesame and miso instead of the vanilla and butter used to flavor fortune cookies found in modern Chinese restaurants in America. These cookies were found at a generations-old family bakery near a popular Shinto shrine just outside of Kyoto in the late 1990s. Storybooks from 1878 were also found with illustrations of an apprentice who worked in a senbei store making the tsujiura senbei.

Fortune Cookie Writing/Art Challenge

So this kit contains a fortune cookie (duh). Your challenge is to use the fortune as inspiration for a short story, manga-style comic strip, or any art medium of your choosing. You can interpret the fortune in any way you would like! Here are a few questions that might help get you started on writing or thinking about your story:

- Who opened this cookie to reveal this fortune?
- Under what circumstances did they happen to receive the fortune cookie
- How did they react to the words on the fortune? How did the people around Them react?

Fruit Roll-Up Fortune Cookie

Supplies (included):

- Fruit Roll-Up
- Jar lid to use as cookie cutter
- Marker or felt-tip pen
- Parchment paper to use as fortune slip



1. Unroll the Fruit Roll-Up. Using the jar lid like a cookie cutter, cut out as many circles as you'd like. It should make about 3 per Roll-Up.
2. Write fortunes on the parchment paper and cut them out. Bonus points if you can make it an anime-related fortune!
3. Place a fortune in the center of a circle with a bit sticking out, then fold the circle in half. Create a crease in the middle.
4. Pinch the center until the Roll-Up takes the shape of a fortune cookie.
5. Share them with friends, family, or just enjoy them for yourself.

Want to follow along with a video? Search YouTube for "Fruit Roll Up Fortune Cookie" to find the one that inspired this activity (created by Southern Living).

Anime Club meetings are back!

Play games, watch videos, and chat with other anime fans at BPL's Teen Anime Club. We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:30pm. Sign up on our website to receive the Zoom link. Teens 12-18 only.

Upcoming meetings:

Wed. Sept. 15 | 3:30-4:30pm

Wed. Oct. 20 | 3:30-4:30 -- **Special Cosplay-Ween (Cosplay + Halloween) Party!**



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