

Making a Tanabata wish at the LLC

- 1 Think of a wish** – it can be anything you'd like for yourself or others (some examples on the next slide). The more heartfelt the wish, the more likely it is to come true! 😊
- 2 Go to the LLC's counter area** between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday, any time between 16th and 27th July.
- 3 Write your wish(es)** on the special 'tanzaku' strips provided (or you can bring your own). One wish per strip!
- 4 Decide** if you want to keep your wish private, or if you are OK to share it with others. If you want to keep it private, use a paper clip to keep your strip folded up. We hope to see some public ones, so that we can all get an idea of what we collectively wish for in so many languages!
- 5 Hang your wish(es)** on the bamboo at the LLC, and encourage others to do the same. Come back to make more wishes while the celebrations last!



How to write your wishes on たんざく paper 日本語で

I want [noun]. = [noun] がほしい。

Example: I want a new computer. = 新(あたらしい)パソコンがほしい。

I want to [verb]... = ～ [stem of verbs] たい。

Example: I want to teach English in Japan. = 日本(にほん)で英語(えいご)を教(おし)えたい。

I wish = ～ [stem of verbs / potential form of verbs] ますように。

Example: I wish I could make many Japanese friends.

= 日本人(にほんじん)の友達(ともだち)がたくさんできますように。

しますように。

したい。

しがほしい。



Do you want to find out more about Tanabata?

Library and LLC resources about or with a significant reference to Tanabata

- [Once Upon a Time in Japan \(bilingual book\)](#)
- [John-san no natsuyasumi \(graded reader\)](#)
- [When Marnie Was There \(animated movie\)](#)
- [Chibi Maruko-chan zenshu \(cartoon\) – disc 4](#)

Online resources

- [A short report by the BBC](#)
- [Tanabata story with English subtitles](#)
- [Tanabata song](#)
- [Tanabata image \(hi-res\)](#)

