

*This reopening holds profound significance, marking the **50th Anniversary of the Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association** and **the 84th year since the forced relocation** of Japanese Canadians from the West Coast.

As we open this new chapter, we remain committed to sharing the stories of the past to inspire a future rooted in understanding, social justice, and cultural pride.

Our Mission

Our mission is to collect, preserve, display, and document the history and culture of Japanese Canadians in the Kamloops area and the interior of British Columbia.

We educate the public about Japanese Canadian history and culture in close partnership with the Kamloops Japanese Association.

We also advocate for and support Japanese Canadian survivors, ensuring their voices, experiences, and stories are respected and remembered.

Visit Us

Hours: Every Tuesday

10 am-2 pm

Closed in July and August

Open upon request for other days or time or a group viewing or school tour, please make an appointment.

Located downstairs of Kamloops Japanese Canadian Centre

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Kamloops
Japanese
Canadian
Museum &
Archives





Our History

The Foundations (1995–2000s)

The museum's origins trace back to 1995, beginning as the History Preservation Committee of the Kamloops & Area Chapter National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC). From the start, our mission was driven by the community, as the committee diligently collected artifacts and archival materials to preserve the legacy of local Japanese Canadians.

Resilience and Rebuilding

Following a fire that damaged the Kamloops Cultural Centre in 2008, the community rallied to rebuild, officially reopening the facility in 2009. With the expert guidance of the National Nikkei Museum & Cultural Centre and generous grant and support from the NAJC Endowment Fund in 2012 and our Sister City of Uji, Japan, the museum found its first permanent home in the lower level of the Kamloops Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre.

A New Era: The 2026 Reopening

In 2024, through a landmark grant from the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society, we began an extensive renovation of the museum and the lower floor of the KJCA Centre. After a year of transformation, the museum officially reopened its doors on **January 31, 2026.** **continue to ***

Exhibitions

Please note that exhibits are subject to change without notice.

Temporary Display

KJCA history and culture of HALF CENTURY



Permanent Display

History and culture of Japanese Canadian in interior BC and Kamloops
-Early Years, War Time, After the War, Redress and beyond

