Make the Most of Your

Summer

The GIS Common Room is closed during: 2025/8/11 + 2025/8/13~19 + 2025/9/15 + Saturdays + Sundays THE GIS STUDENT
COMMON ROOM
IS OPEN FOR YOU
DURING THE
SUMMER VACATION
JULY ~ SEPTEMBER 2025

9:00~ 17:00

## **HOORAY! SUMMER IS HERE!**

How was your Spring Semester? Did everything go smoothly? Were you able to finish all your assignments on time? How did you do on your exams? You probably studied hard and are probably feeling exhausted? You may also be relieved that the Summer Vacation is finally here! Hooray! Summer Break is here, at last!

HOW ARE YOU SPENDING YOUR SUMMER? Many of you will be working at your part-time jobs. Some of you will be travelling overseas. You might also be planning to travel around Japan? Make the most of your summer break by taking time out to relax, rest, travel, and spend time with your friends and your family. Focus on your personal growth and also on your professional development. In addition to relaxing and having fun ~ consider pursuing internships, volunteering, learning new skills, exploring hobbies, discovering unfamiliar interests... or simply challenge yourself to read a variety of books in English by authors you've never read before.

## **GROW PROFESSIONALLY**

**VOLUNTEERING** Doing Volunteer work may provide you with a sense of purpose and enable you to contribute to the community while allowing you to develop valuable skills. Consider inquiring at your community center or searching online to see how you could assist your local community this summer.

**INTERNSHIPS** Think about completing an internship with an institution/ a company in your field of interest. Gaining practical experience during your summer break can significantly boost your resume and future career prospects.

**PREPARE FOR NEXT SEMESTER** Get a head start on your upcoming courses. Ask your professors about books you could read to prepare for your autumn classes. Maybe you'd like to practice writing essays or a short story in English with Trang this summer? Come to the GIS Reference Room!

## CHALLENGE YOURSELF CREATIVELY

**START A PROJECT** Use the summer to work on a personal project: it could be starting your own bilingual blog, designing a website, hand-making a bag, writing 4 short stories, designing your own manga character, drawing a multilingual comic strip...

**LEARN A NEW SKILL** Take advantage of the summertime to learn new skills, like coding, practicing calligraphy, sing in a foreign language, or maybe learn to play a musical instrument? Do something creative purely for your enjoyment.

Summer is a great time to write, read & enjoy books without the pressure of academic deadlines. Escape from the heat, come to the GIS Reference Room to rest, read books & newspapers. Chat with Trang about the books you are reading. Have you read The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho or Animal Farm by George Orwell? Come to the GIS Common Room & let's discuss these novels during the summer.