

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
Queens College
Graduate School of Library and Information Science

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY

Title of Research Study: An exploratory study of the reading habits of self-identified BIPOC readers of Manga

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You are being asked to participate in a research study because you have self-identified as a BIPOC reader of Manga

Purpose:

The purpose of this research study is to increase our understanding of why black, indigenous and people of color read Manga. You may want to participate if you would like to share your thoughts and experiences with the researcher. You may choose not to participate if you do not want to share your experiences with the researcher.

Key Information:

- Your consent is being sought for your participation in this research and your participation is voluntary
- The expected duration of your participation is 90 minutes for a focus group with a potential follow-up interview of sixty minutes.
- There are no foreseeable risks for your participation.
- Your participation will help to improve library spaces that serve BIPOC communities.

Procedures:

If you volunteer to participate in this research study, we will ask you to do the following:

- Participate in a ninety-minute focus group.
 - You will be asked about your Manga reading habits.
 - You will be asked about your emotional response to Manga.
 - You will be asked about the Manga genres you like to read.
 - You may be asked to participate in a follow-up interview. (see below)

- Participate in a sixty-minute follow-up interview.
 - During the interview you will be asked about your Manga reading habits.
 - During the interview you will be asked about your emotional response to Manga.
 - During the interview you will be asked about the Manga genres you like to read.
 - You may be asked to clarify your comments from the focus group.
 - You may be asked to respond to early findings of the research project.

Audio Recording

To ensure the accuracy of our findings, focus groups and interviews will be audio recorded for later transcription and review by the research team. You have the right to review the recording or transcript taken as part of this research to determine whether they should be erased in whole or in part. You can contact Jose Sanchez at jose.sanchez2@qc.cuny.edu with any concerns about the recording. You cannot participate in this study if you do not consent to audio recording.

Time Commitment:

Your participation in this research study is expected to last for a total of ninety-minutes for a focus group and a possible follow-up interview up to sixty-minutes.

Potential Risks or Discomforts:

- Some of the questions the researchers ask you may be upsetting, or you may feel uncomfortable answering them. If you do not wish to answer a question, you can skip it and go to the next question.

Potential Benefits:

- You will not directly benefit from your participation in this research study.

- Your participation in this study will help to design better library services for the BIPOC community

Payment for Participation:

For participating in this study, you will receive \$40 for participating in a ninety-minute focus group and if selected, \$40 for a one-hour interview. Once selected and you have appeared at your interview or focus group and the procedure has begun, you will be fully compensated whether you complete the full interview or focus group. You are free to stop your participation at any point without penalty.

New Information:

You will be notified about any new information regarding this study that may affect your willingness to participate in a timely manner.

Confidentiality:

We will make our best efforts to maintain confidentiality of any information that is collected during this research study, and that can identify you. We will disclose this information only with your permission or as required by law. All participants will be asked not to share the information discussed during the group discussion with anyone outside of the group. However, complete confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. All data including the audio recordings will be stored in a locked office at Queens College in New York, NY. Audio recordings will be erased after they have been transcribed and only the researcher will have access to the recordings.

We will protect your confidentiality by keeping all research data confidential—stored securely and kept private. Any publications containing this research will exclude or actively conceal information that makes it possible to identify you as a subject and, correspondingly, any other subjects you feel should be protected such as websites, teachers, administrators, etc...

The research team, authorized CUNY staff, and government agencies that oversee this type of research may have access to research data and records to monitor the research. Research records provided to authorized, non-CUNY individuals will not contain identifiable information about you. Publications and/or presentations that result from this study will not identify you by name.

The information we collect from you as part of this study will not be used or distributed for future research.

Participants' Rights:

- Your participation in this research study is entirely **voluntary**. If you decide not to participate, there will be no penalty to you, and you will not lose any benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.
- You can decide to withdraw your consent and stop participating in the research at any time, without any penalty.

Questions, Comments or Concerns:

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the research, you can talk to one of the following researchers:

Dr Joe Sanchez, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science,
Jose.Sanchez2@qc.cuny.edu

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or you have comments or concerns that you would like to discuss with someone other than the researchers, please call the CUNY Research Compliance Administrator at 646-664-8918 or email HRPP@cuny.edu. Alternately, you can write to:

CUNY Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research
Attn: Research Compliance Administrator
205 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017

Signature of Participant:

If you agree to be audiotaped, please indicate this below.

_____ I agree to be audiotaped

_____ I do NOT agree to be audiotaped

If you agree to participate in this research study, please sign and date below. You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep.

Printed Name of Participant, Parent or Guardian

Signature of Participant, Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of Individual Obtaining Consent

Dr Jose Sanchez

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