Manga and Anime Terminology

**Anime:** Animation produced in Japan for the Japanese market. Modern anime dates from the 1960s.

**Dojinshi:** Fan produced manga or other self published works.

**Manga:** The Japanese word for comic book. In the United States, *manga* refers to Japanese comics that have been translated into English. Traditionally, manga is read in a back-to-front, right-to-left pattern. When produced for the Western market, manga is sometimes “flipped” or converted to traditional European front-to-back, left-to-right reading format.

**OEL manga:** (Original English Language manga) Manga-like comics whose language of original publication is English. (Also referred to as Amerimanga).

**OVA:** (Original Video Animation) Anime released directly to video.

**Shojo:** Generally refers to school age girls and teens.

**Shonen:** A school aged boy roughly under the age of 18.

**Yaoi:** Comics with male/male romantic content, usually sexually explicit.

**Yuri:** Comics with female/female romantic content.