



### ① Main Entrance

The shape of the entrance portrays of books in bookshelf. The eight reliefs on the wall were carved by the sculptor, Takezo Shinkai in 1930.



### ② Fountain

The fountain used to be served as a fire cistern. It was temporarily removed during the construction of the Annex, and rebuilt to the original place again.



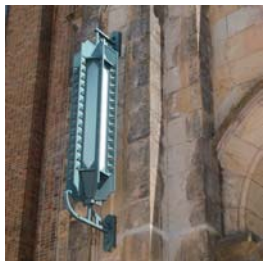
### ③ Remains of Kaga Domain Residence

The paved stones are remains of the residence where the lord of Kaga Province (Ishikawa and Toyama prefectures) lived. They were discovered during the construction of the Annex.



### ④ Remains of Old Library

The benches are placed where the old library used to be. The remains of the old library building are placed near the entrance of the Annex (on the side of the Faculty of Letters Bldg. 3).



### ⑤ Porch Lights

The lights were removed in the World War II in order to supply metal. They were restored in 2009, with other lights on the library building.

## UTokyo Library System and General Library

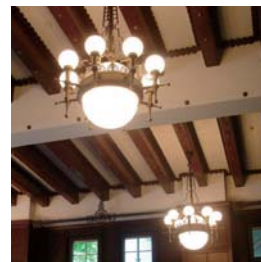
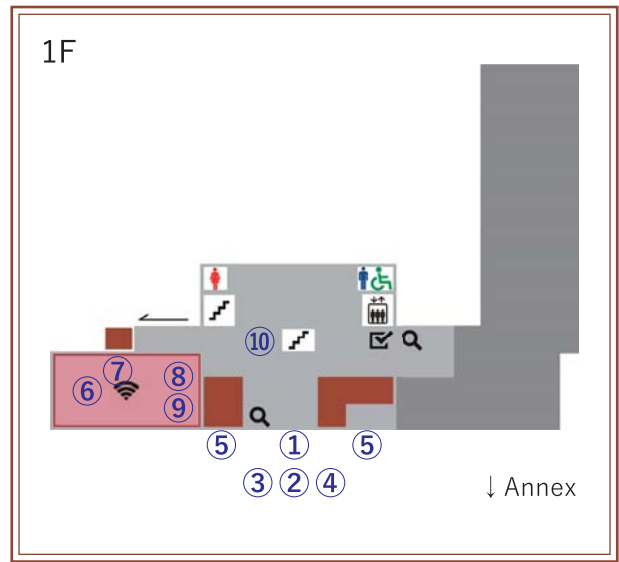
The University of Tokyo Library System is composed of General Library, Komaba Library, Kashiwa Library, and 27 libraries attached to departments or related research institutions. The libraries hold 9.5 million volumes in total and provide a large variety of services as a single, integrated system.

General Library is the central library of Hongo campus and the biggest library in the University of Tokyo. The wide range of materials, equipment and service are provided to all of the university affiliates, while libraries of departments or institutions support study and research specialized in their research area.

The University of Tokyo is implementing New Library Plan. The renovation work of General Library's Main Building has been steadily underway, and General Library Annex, which is comprised of Library Plaza and automated storage, was completed in 2017.

# Architectural & Cultural Objects Map

# General Library Main Bldg. 1F & 2F



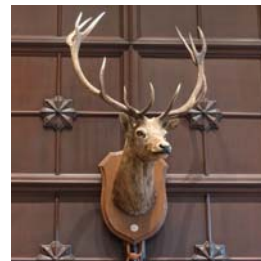
### ⑥ Memorial Room

This room commemorates the reconstruction of the library after the Great Kanto earthquake. The chandeliers were restored to their original design in 2017.



### ⑦ Calligraphy "Nanki Collection"

Yoshinobu Tokugawa, the last shogun of Tokugawa shogunate, wrote the name of the collection donated by the feudal lord of Kii Province (Wakayama prefecture).



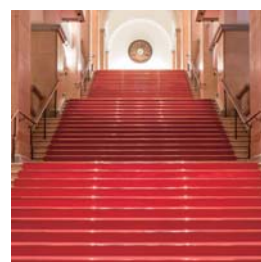
### ⑧ Deer Head

George V, who was the King of the United Kingdom, donated the taxidermy deer head to the University of Tokyo in 1913. It was rescued from fire on the Great Kanto earthquake.



### ⑨ Portrait of Tagore

Jawaharlal Nehru, the first president of India, visited the University of Tokyo in 1957. He donated the portrait of Dwarkanath Tagore at that time.



### ⑩ Grand Staircase

Sunlight is poured through the restored skylight. The wall around the stair is made by Italian marble with a lot of ammonite fossils.

Objects with  are restored to the original design.



### ⑪ Hall ↻

The lighting fittings were restored to their original design. The carvings on the ceiling and the posts have the unique designs on each place.



### ⑫ Medallion

Four medallions were made by Takezo Shinkai in 1929, the next year the library building was completed. They express each of four seasons in Japan.



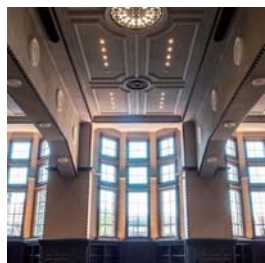
### ⑬ Letter from J. D. Rockefeller Jr.

The letter was sent from John D. Rockefeller Jr. to Yoshinao Kozai, the university president of that time. It says that he would donate 400 million yen to the University of Tokyo.



### ⑭ Model of General Library

The University of Tokyo presented Mr. Rockefeller with a model of the General Library in return of his donation. This model was made of the same mold.



### ⑮ Grand Reading Room ↻

The lighting was restored to the original design. The desks have been repaired and used for 90 years.

## How was General Library Built?

The current library building was built after the Great Kanto earthquake in 1923.

The earthquake and following fire destroyed the old library building. In 1924, the next year of the earthquake, John D. Rockefeller Jr. offered to donate 4 million yen (ca. 10 billion yen in today's currency) for the reconstruction of the library. The University of Tokyo immediately decided to accept his offer and to reconstruct the library building.

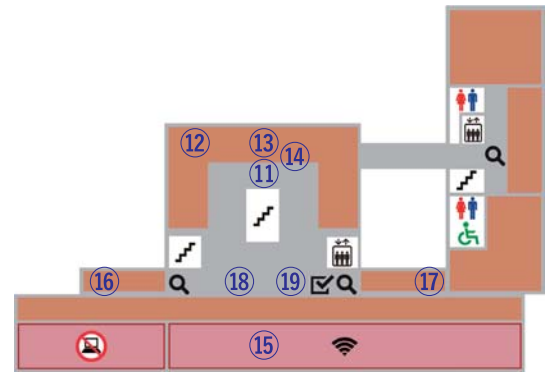
The reconstruction started in 1926 and completed on December 1st, 1928. The building was made of steel-reinforced concrete and composed of four-story openshelf area and seven-story stack area.

The library building was, along with a lot of buildings of Hongo Campus, designed by Yoshikazu Uchida. The appearance of the library is characterized by the walls clad with tan tiles and the entrance with "Uchida-Gothic" arches and decoration.

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# General Library Main Bldg. 3F & Annex

3F



### ⑯ Relief of Lafcadio Hearn

Lafcadio Hearn (Yakumo Koizumi) taught in the Faculty of Letters of the University of Tokyo. This relief was donated from Greece in 1935.



### ⑰ Relief of Edmund Blunden

Edmund Charles Blunden taught English literature in the University of Tokyo for about 3 years from 1924. He made a poem about the reconstruction of General Library.



### ⑱ Bust of Victor Hugo

The bust of Victor Marie Hugo, a famous poet and novelist, was donated by University of Paris in 1933.



### ⑲ Bust of Louis Pasteur

The bust of Louis Pasteur was donated by University of Paris in 1933. He was a chemist and microbiologist, and succeeded in vaccination.



### ⑳ General Library Annex

Library Plaza (LP) is a round place for group learning. Automated storage under LP holds a lot of containers with materials, which are retrieved to the Main Building through the robotic system.

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