

# University of Tokyo Library System



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Cover illustration : Matsu no Sakae (held in General Library)

“Matsu no Sakae”(1889) - woodblock print by Utagawa Kunisada the 3rd (1848-1920).

The Red Gate (Akamon in Japanese) visible on the print is one of the University of Tokyo's famous symbols. It was built by Lord Maeda Nariyasu of Kaga (currently in Ishikawa Pref.) in 1827, to celebrate his marriage to Princess Yo, a daughter of Shogun Tokugawa Ienari. The scene, printed from three large woodblocks, depicts Princess Yo's procession on its way to the Red Gate. Utagawa Kunisada the 3rd was the disciple of Utagawa Kunisada (1786-1864), one of the great ukiyo-e masters of the late Edo period.

# Some Pictures of University of Tokyo Library System

— from the past to the present —



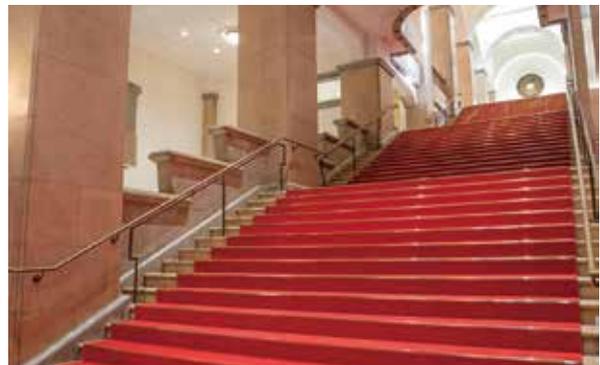
Old Library



General Library (completed in 1928)



General Library (around 2010)



General Library (current)



Medical Library



Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia Library

## University of Tokyo Library System Website

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<https://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en>

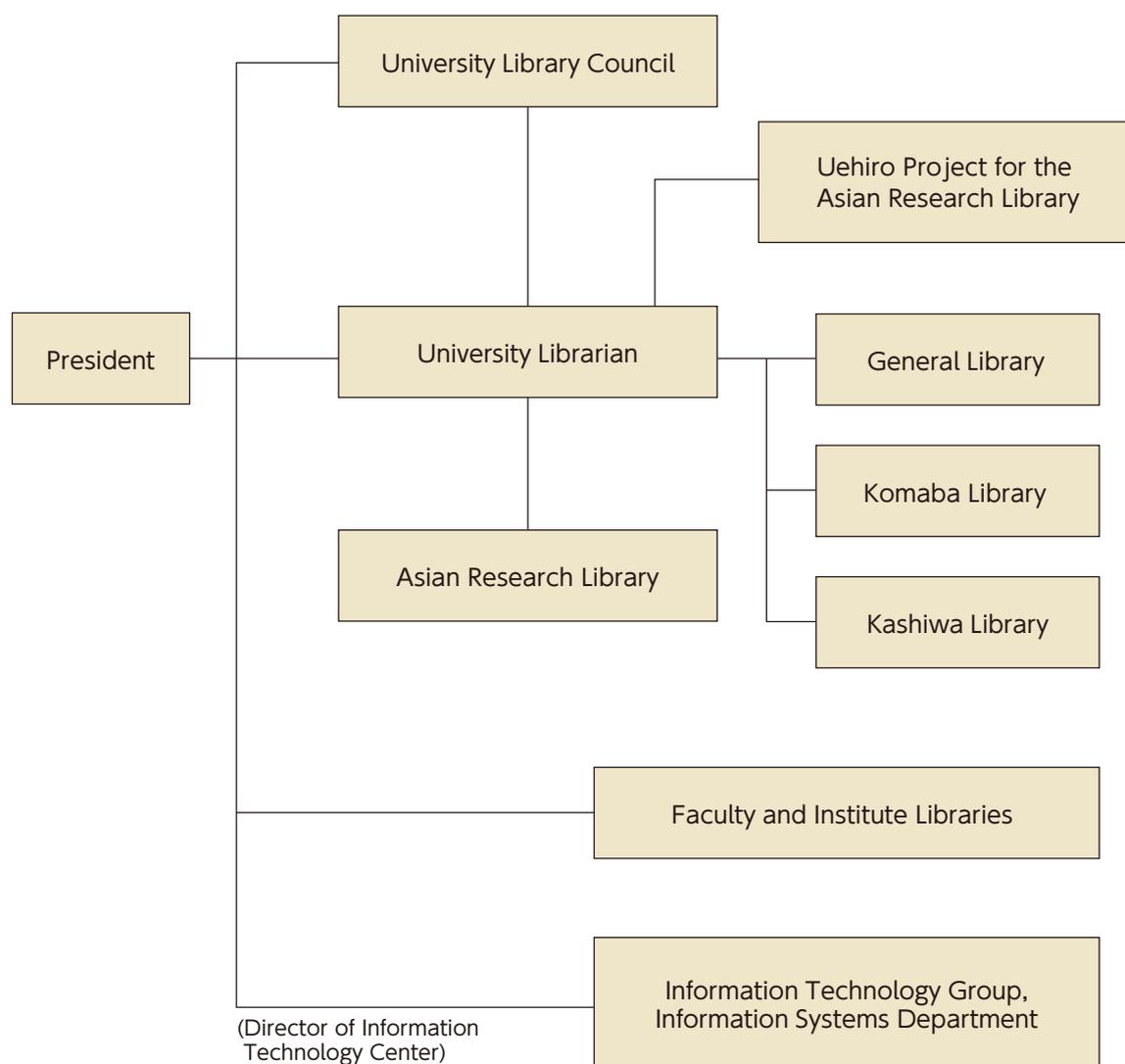


# About University of Tokyo Library System

The University of Tokyo Library System is composed of the General Library, the Komaba Library (combines the functions of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Library), the Kashiwa Library, and 27 libraries attached to departments or related research institutions. Despite the distances separating the three main campuses of Hongo, Komaba and Kashiwa, and several other off-campus facilities, the libraries of the University of Tokyo provide a large variety of services within a single, integrated system.

Their holdings total 9.8 million volumes – expanding at a rate of approximately hundred thousand volumes per year in recent years – and 170 thousand periodical titles.

## Organization Chart



# Main Libraries

## General Library — Hongo Campus —

<https://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/library/general>

Total number of volumes: 1,308,515  
Number of periodical titles: 21,536  
Materials expenditures: 1,483,115,000 JPY (FY2019)  
Shelving capacity: 4,333,000 volumes  
Floor area: 23,849 m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of visitors: 550,874 entries (FY 2019)  
Number of loan books: 152,975 (FY 2019)



## Komaba Library — Komaba Campus —

<https://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/library/komaba>

Total number of volumes: 688,033  
Number of periodical titles: 5,757  
Materials expenditures: 28,470,040 JPY (FY2019)  
Shelving capacity: 860,000 volumes  
Floor area: 9,819 m<sup>2</sup>  
(Including the Storage Stack Room)  
Number of visitors: 706,078 (FY 2019)  
Number of loan books: 178,548 (FY 2019)



## Kashiwa Library — Kashiwa Campus —

<https://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/library/kashiwa>

Total number of volumes: 453,869  
Number of periodical titles: 24,386  
Materials expenditures: 12,070,000 JPY (FY 2019)  
Shelving capacity: 1,102,000 volumes  
Floor area: 5,666 m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of visitors: 33,694 (FY 2019)  
Number of loan books: 25,715 (FY 2019)



# Faculty and Institute Libraries

## Hongo Campus

- Graduate Schools for Law and Politics / Faculty of Law Library
- Graduate Schools for Law and Politics / Faculty of Law Center for Modern Japanese Legal and Political Documents (Meiji Shinbun Zasshi Bunko))
- Medical Library
- Libraries for Engineering and Information Science & Technology
  - Engineering Bldg. 1 Library A (Civil Eng.)
  - Engineering Bldg. 1 Library B (Architecture)
  - Engineering Bldg. 2 Library (Mechanical Eng., Precision Eng., Electrical Eng., Engineering Innovation)
  - Engineering Bldg. 3 Library (Systems Innovation, Nuclear Eng. and Management, Technology Management for Innovation, Nuclear Professional School, Applied Chemistry, Chemical Eng., and Biotechnology)
  - Engineering Bldg. 4 Library (Materials Eng.)
  - Engineering Bldg. 5 Library (Applied Chemistry, Chemical Eng. and Biotechnology, Bioengineering)
  - Engineering Bldg. 6 Library (Applied Physics, Mathematical Informatics, Information Physics and Computing , Creative Informatics)
  - Engineering Bldg. 7 Library (Aeronautics and Astronautics)
  - Engineering Bldg. 14 Library (Urban Eng.)
  - Science Bldg. 7 Library (Computer Science)
- Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology / Faculty of Letters Library
- Science Library
- University Library for Agricultural and Life Sciences
- The Library of Economics
- Graduate School of Education / Faculty of Education Library
- Pharmaceutical Sciences Library



University Library for Agricultural and Life Sciences

- Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies Library
- Multi-media & Socio-information Studies Archive
- Earthquake Research Institute Library
- Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia Library
- Institute of Social Science Library
- Historiographical Institute Library
- University Museum Library



Medical Library

## Komaba Campus

- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Library
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Science Library
- Center for Pacific and American Studies Library, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences Library
- Institute of Industrial Science Library
- Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology Library



Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology Library

(Photo by KOJI UDO)

## Kashiwa Campus

- Institute for Cosmic Ray Research Library
- Institute for Solid State Physics Library
- Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute Library



Institute for Solid State Physics Library

## Shirokanedai Campus

- Institute of Medical Science Library

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Libraries University of Tokyo



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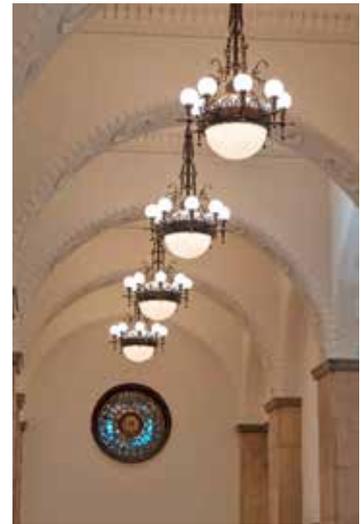
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## | General Library Grand Open |

The University of Tokyo Library System has formulated the “New Library Plan” and has renovated the main building of the General Library and built a new annex to form a center for learning, education, and research. All construction work was completed in 2020 and the building had its grand opening.

The interior of the main building were partially restored to the original design of its founding. In addition, the Asian Research Library was opened on the fourth floor. The stacks are equipped with air-conditioning and fire extinguishing systems to provide an environment for the preservation of valuable materials.

In the annex, there is a library plaza on the basement level and automated storage that have capacity of 3 million volumes on the second to fourth floors. Library Plaza opened in October 2018 as an active, conversational learning space, with a variety of activities, including events planned by the library and various seminars and other academic exchanges. The automated storage began receiving materials in February 2018, as of September 2020, there are approximately 520,000 volumes. It serves as a repository for an ever-increasing number of library materials on a daily basis, and that can be used to quickly retrieve materials when needed.



## | Asian Research Library OPEN |

On October 1, 2020, the Asian Research Library opened in the General Library. The library specializes in supporting research on Asia and other regions by consolidating a large number of Asia-related research materials that had been scattered throughout the university. More than 50,000 books are available on the 4th floor of the main building. In addition to Japanese and other Western languages, materials in various Asian languages are arranged under a unique classification (region → language → subject). It is also equipped with a seminar room where seminars and workshops can be held.



# History

1877	Foundation of the University of Tokyo, composed of three faculties: Law, Medicine, and Letters.
1923	Most of the university library and its collection were destroyed by fire in the wake of the Great Kanto Earthquake.
	The League of Nations adopts a resolution supporting the recovery of the library collection.
1924	The Rockefeller Foundation donates 4 million yen to the reconstruction of the library.
1928	The building currently housing the General Library is completed.
1961	The University Librarian, Prof. Kishimoto Hideo presents a plan to reform the University of Tokyo's library system. The project is supported by an 84 million yen grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.
	Work begins on the compilation of a union catalog of all university library holdings.
1962	The first issue of Toshokan no Mado, the University of Tokyo Library bulletin, is published.
1982	University Librarian, Prof. Urata Takeo presents a new plan to reform the General Library.
1986	Library computerized system is launched.
	Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) service starts.
1987	Start of the first project to retrospectively convert catalog records of Western materials into digital format.
1992	The University of Tokyo joins NACSIS-ILL, an online Interlibrary Loan System set up by the National Center for Science Information Systems.
1993	OPAC becomes accessible via the university's computer network (UTnet) .
1995	Start of a 10-year retrospective conversion project of outstanding library holdings.
	The University of Tokyo Library System homepage becomes available online.
1997	Work starts on the digitization of the Katei Collection (Edo period works of fiction) as part of the Digital Library Project.
1999	Establishment of the Information Technology Center, to which a portion of the University of Tokyo Library System is attached.
	OPAC becomes accessible via any ordinary Web browser.
2000	Electronic journal services launched on a trial basis.
2002	Inauguration of the Komaba Library.
2004	Establishment of the University of Tokyo Library System's Basic Principles , underlining the system's management as a unit.
2005	Inauguration of the Kashiwa library.
	e-DDS service (Electronic Document Delivery System & Services) starts.
2006	UT Repository launched.
2007	UT Article Search and UT Article Link services introduced.
2008	Ceremony for the 80th anniversary of the reconstruction of the General Library was held.
2011	MyOPAC service launched.
2013	Start of the preparatory work for the new library construction.
	"Documents Relating to history of the University of Tokyo" is designated as an important cultural property.
2014	Establishment of the Uehiro Project for the Asian Research Library (U-PARL).
2017	Inauguration of the General Library Annex (Library Plaza) .
2020	Asian Research Library Open
	General Library Grand Open

# Special Collections

name	number of items	summary
<b>General Library</b>		
Ogai Collection	18,800	Works of history and literature, biographies, Edo-period maps, Western books collected by Japanese writer Mori Ogai (1862-1922).
Katei Collection	1,851	Edo-period novels and theater plays collected by Japanese writer Watanabe Katei (1864-1926).
Shachiku, Chikurei and Chiju Collections	6,577	Collections of Renga and Haikai poems collected by the haiku poets Ono Shachiku (1872-1913), Tsunoda Chikurei (1857-1919) and Okano Chiju (1860-1932).
Seishu Collection	25,000	Classic works of Chinese and Japanese literature collected over three generations by the Watanabe family, from Japan's Koshu region (Yamanashi Pref.).
Nanki Collection	96,000	Owned by the Tokugawa family of Kishu (Wakayama Pref.), the Nanki collection incorporates a number of private book collections of the Edo period.
Tanaka Yoshio Collection	6,000	Works on natural history (botany, zoology, agriculture and forestry) and exhibitions collected by Tanaka Yoshio (1838-1916).
<b>Komaba Library</b>		
Kano Kokichi Collection	ca. 20,000	Private journal and correspondence of Kano Kokichi (1865-1942), principal of the Dai-ichi Koto-gakko.
Kitani Collection	157	Materials on joruri from the late Edo period to the Meiji period collected by joruri and drama specialist Kitani Hogin (1877-1950).
Dai Nihon Kaishi Collection	820	Materials on navy and shipbuilding from the late Edo to the Meiji period, collected by Department of the Navy in Japan.
<b>Kashiwa Library</b>		
Yuzuru Hiraga Collection	ca.40,000	Historical documents left by the 13th President of the University of Tokyo and Vice Admiral Yuzuru Hiraga (1878-1943).
<b>Graduate Schools for Law and Politics / Faculty of Law Library, Meiji Shinbun Zasshi Bunko</b>		
Yoshino Collection	8,716	Books and printings in Meiji era collected by Yoshino Sakuzo (1878-1933).
Gaikotsu Collection	ca.800	Newspapers, magazines, picture postcards collected by Miyatake Gaikotsu (1867-1955), initiator of the faculty's Meiji Collection of Newspapers and Journals.



Tanaka Yoshio Collection  
(General Library)

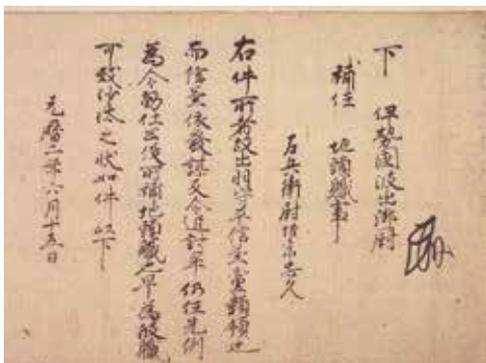


Yuzuru Hiraga Collection  
(Kashiwa Library)



Adam Smith Collection  
(The Library of Economics)

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<b>Medical Library</b>		
Waldeyer Collection	ca. 2,000	Collection of German anatomist Wilhelm von Waldeyer-Hartz (1836-1921). Books and materials on anatomy, zoology and anthropology.
Kure Shuzo Collection	ca.190	Collection of psychiatrist, Prof. Kure Shuzo (1865-1932). Manuscripts on history of medicine.
<b>Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology / Faculty of Letters Library</b>		
Motoori Collection	3,534	Autograph manuscripts and other works by Motoori Norinaga (1730-1801), his descendants and disciples.
Ichikawa Collection	ca.1,200	19th and early 20th century English-language literature and materials on linguistics collected by Professor Ichikawa Sanki (1886-1970).
<b>The Library of Economics</b>		
Adam Smith Collection	319	Private collection of British economist Adam Smith (1723-1790).
Engel Collection	1,219	Private collection of German statistician and economist Ernst Engel (1821-1896).
<b>Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies Library</b>		
Ono Hideo Collection	1,144	Materials related to the history of news media in Japan collected by Professor Ono Hideo (1885-1977), founder of the University of Tokyo's Institute of Journalism and Communication Studies.
<b>Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia Library</b>		
Ooki Collection	3,168	Materials on Chinese law collected in Beijing by lawyer Ooki Kan'ichi (1881-1958).
Daiber Collection	487	Manuscripts and materials on Islamic culture collected by Professor Hans Daiber (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam).
<b>Institute of Social Science Library</b>		
Itoi Collection	10,500	Documents on the state of Japan's labor collected by Itoi Kinji (1895-1959), who headed the Tokyo Employment Office (Tokyo Shokugyo Shokaijo).
Records of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East	454	Court documents and other records of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East held in Tokyo between 1946 and 1948.
<b>Historiographical Institute Library</b>		
Documents of the Shimazu Family	ca.9,500	Historical documents from the 12th to 19th centuries transmitted among generations of the Shimazu family of Satsuma (Kagoshima Pref.). Designated as a national treasure.
Documents of the So Family	ca. 3,000	Historical documents from the archives of the Edo mansion of the Tsushima clan (Nagasaki Pref.).
Documents of the Uramatsu Family	ca. 940	Historical documents related to a court noble Kozen Uramatsu (1736-1804) of late Edo period.



Rekidai Kikan Minamoto no Yoritomo Kudashibumi from Documents of the Shimazu Family (Historiographical Institute Library)



Gaikotsu Collection (Meiji Shinbun Zasshi Bunko)



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