

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 —



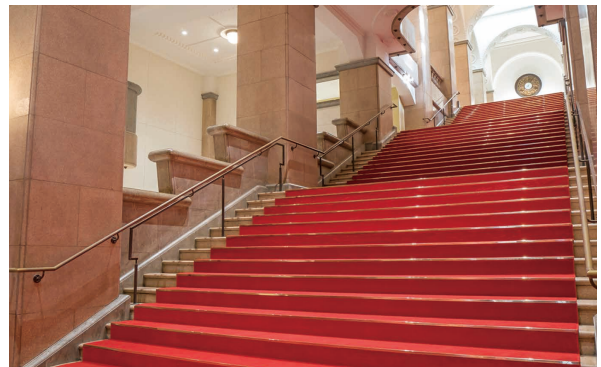
Old Library



General Library (completed in 1928)



General Library (around 2010)



General Library (current)



Medical Library

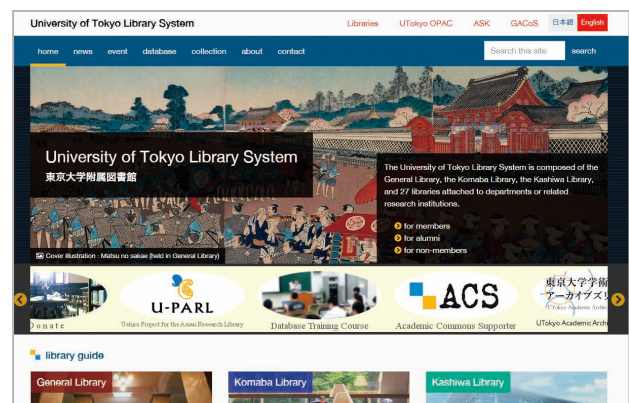


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University of Tokyo Library System Website

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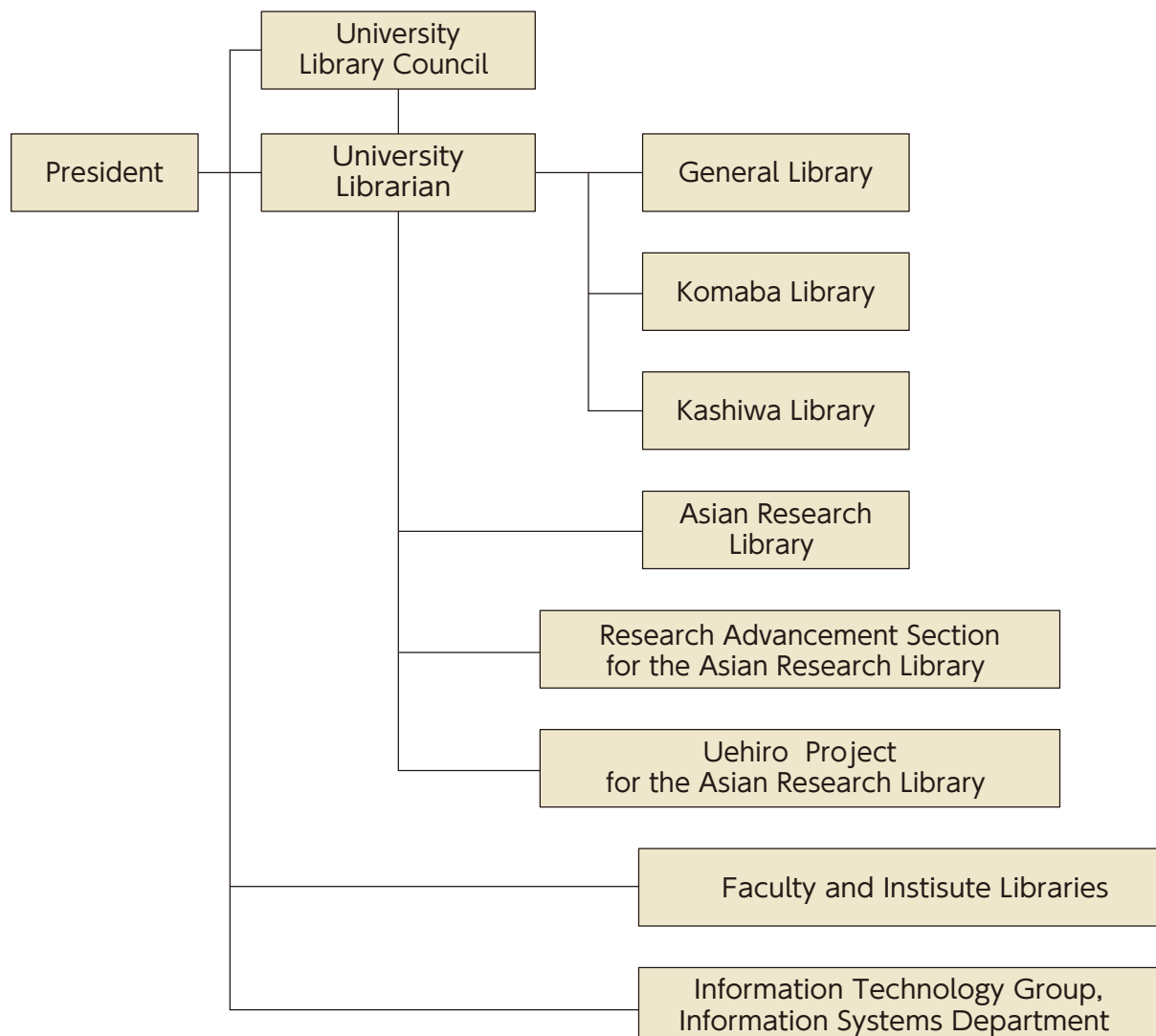


About University of Tokyo Library System

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

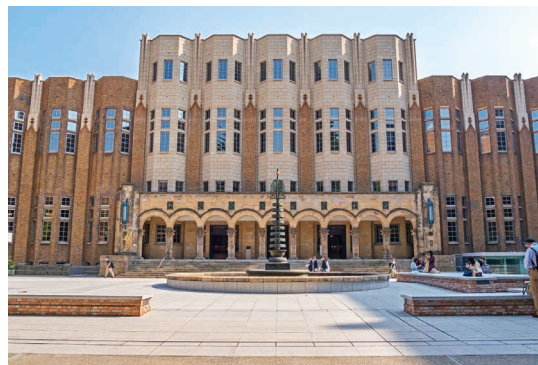


Main Libraries

General Library — Hongo Campus —

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

Total number of volumes: 1,355,027
Number of periodical titles: 21,890
Materials expenditures: 1,559,038,000 JPY (FY2021)
Shelving capacity: 3,724,000 volumes
Floor area: 24,066 m²
Number of visitors: 377,648 entries (FY 2021)
Number of loan books: 172,033 (FY 2021)



Komaba Library — Komaba Campus —

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

Total number of volumes: 699,977
Number of periodical titles: 5,920
Materials expenditures: 28,187,000 JPY (FY2021)
Shelving capacity: 860,000 volumes
Floor area: 9,819 m²
(Including the Storage Stack Room)
Number of visitors: 207,018 (FY 2021)
Number of loan books: 146,863 (FY 2021)



Kashiwa Library — Kashiwa Campus —

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

Total number of volumes: 473,461
Number of periodical titles: 24,865
Materials expenditures: 12,900,748 JPY (FY 2021)
Shelving capacity: 1,102,000 volumes
Floor area: 5,666 m²
Number of visitors: 16,895 (FY 2021)
Number of loan books: 18,942 (FY 2021)



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 Engineering)
 - Engineering Bldg. 1 Library B (Architecture)
 - Engineering Bldg. 2 Library (Mechanical Engineering, Precision Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Innovation)
 - Engineering Bldg. 3 Library (Systems Innovation, Nuclear Engineering and Management, Technology Management for Innovation, Nuclear Professional School, Applied Chemistry, Chemical System Engineering, Chemistry and Biotechnology)
 - Engineering Bldg. 4 Library (Materials Engineering)
 - Engineering Bldg. 5 Library (Applied Chemistry, Chemical System Engineering, Chemistry and Biotechnology, Bioengineering)
 - Engineering Bldg. 6 Library (Applied Physics, Mathematical Engineering and Information Physics, Mathematical Informatics, Information Physics and Computing, Creative Informatics)
 - Engineering Bldg. 7 Library (Aeronautics and Astronautics)
 - Engineering Bldg. 14 Library (Urban Engineering)
 - 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



Institute of Social Science 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

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Kashiwa Campus

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



The Institute for Solid State Physics Library

Shirokanedai Campus

- Institute of Medical Science Library

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Libraries University of Tokyo



Homepage > Libraries

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

Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

In accordance with the “The University of Tokyo Activity Restrictions Index for Preventing the Spread of Coronavirus Disease” and the policies of each department, the University of Tokyo Library System is seeking ways to provide services that adopts the new styles of education and research.

Following the declaration of a state of emergency in April 2020 and the resulting increase in the University’s activity restriction guideline level, all libraries at the University of Tokyo were closed. During this period, we made every effort to ensure that the services are provided by expanding and newly providing electronic resources and mailing services for materials and photocopies.

In addition, in order to provide safe environment, the acrylic panels have been installed at the counters, and the facility is thoroughly ventilated and cleaned regularly. In the library, we ask for users’ cooperation in wearing masks, sanitizing the hands at the entrance, and using the desks with extra space between them.



The Replacement of the Library Web System and the Renewal of the Portal Site for Academic Information Literacy.

The library web system was renewed in August 2021. With this renewal, it is possible to search electronic resources from the OPAC. The layout was also optimized to fit the size of the screen, making it easier to use on smartphones and tablets.

In addition, the portal site for academic information literacy, including database search, has been redesigned and the new “Literacy” site has been launched.

The site provides information on searching for literature, using literature management tools, workshops, and necessary process for preparing reports and papers. It also provides detailed information on accessing the database from off-campus (EZproxy), which was also renewed.



Asian Research Library OPEN

The Research Advancement Section for the Asian Research Library (RASARL) was established on April 1, 2021. With the aim of creating an environment that supports the world’s best education and research in the field of Asian studies, RASARL is led by three full-time faculty members who provide research support to Asian studies researchers and manage the Asian Research Library, such as building the library’s collection, with the aim of establishing and promoting the Subject Librarian system.



History

1877	Foundation of the University of Tokyo, composed of four faculties: Law, Science, Letters and Medicine.
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 <i>Toshokan no Mado</i> , 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
2021	Establishment of Research Advancement Section for the Asian Research Library (RASARL) .

Special Collections

name	number of items	summary
General Library		
Ogai Collection	ca. 18,800 volumes	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 Ohno Shachiku (1872-1913), Tsunoda Chikurei (1857-1919) and Okano Chiju (1860-1932).
Seishu Collection	ca. 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	ca. 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	ca. 6,000	Works on natural history (botany, zoology, agriculture and forestry) and exhibitions collected by Tanaka Yoshio (1838-1916).
Komaba Library		
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.
Kashiwa Library		
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).
Graduate Schools for Law and Politics / Faculty of Law Library, Meiji Shinbun Zasshi Bunko		
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.



Nanki Collection
(General Library)

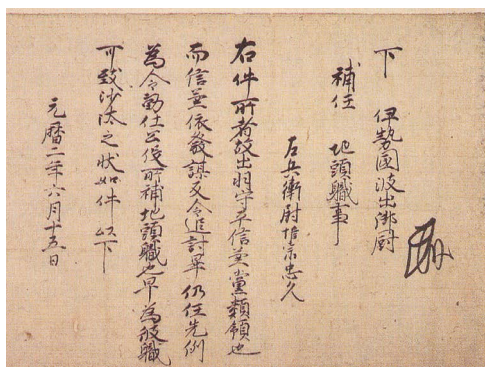


Yuzuru Hiraga Collection
(Kashiwa Library)

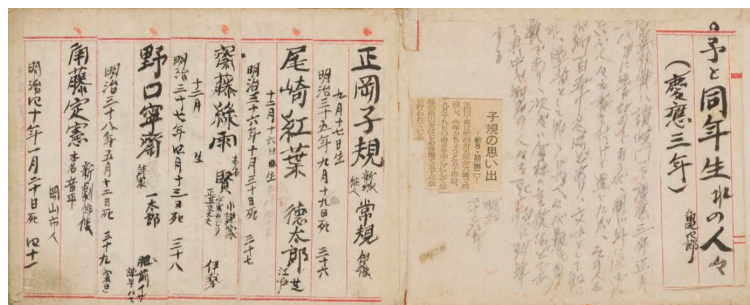


Adam Smith Collection
(The Library of Economics)

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Medical Library		
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.
Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology / Faculty of Letters Library		
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).
The Library of Economics		
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).
Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies Library		
Ono Hideo Collection	4,751	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.
Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia Library		
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).
Institute of Social Science Library		
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.
Historiographical Institute Library		
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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