University of Tokyo Library System

2024/2025

Cover illustration: **Matsu no Sakae**
A Collection of the General Library
(included in the records of 50-year history of Imperial University of Tokyo)

   "Matsu no Sakae" (1889) is a rare material in the General Library with the subtitle, "Marriage of the Shogun's daughter to the Kaga Family".

   This is a nishiki-e, woodblock print, by Utagawa Kunisada III. Including his imagination, he depicted the scene in 1827 when a princess called Yo-hime (also known as Yasu-hime), the 21st daughter of the 11th Tokugawa Shogun, Ienari, married the 13th lord of the Kaga Domain, Maeda Nariyasu. "Akamon" (the Red Gate), one of the symbols of the University of Tokyo, was built to welcome Yo-hime at that time. The illustration of this Princess, dressed in a pure white wedding attire, passing through the Akamon in a lavish procession conveys the splendor of the time to this day. The reason that the Yo-hime's wedding procession in 1827 was chosen as the theme of this work in 1889 is considered to be because this year was the 300th year since Tokugawa Ieyasu entered Edo in 1590, and the 300th anniversary fest of the foundation of Tokyo was held. For the University of Tokyo, this is a valuable illustrated historical document that tells the origin of Akamon.

This material is available at the UTokyo Digital Archive Portal.

https://da.dl.itc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/portal/en/collection/matsunosakae

Message from the University Librarian

The University of Tokyo Libraries' collection had reached 10 million books and journals in the fiscal year 2023 . This is the first university library in Japan holding a collection of more than 10 million volumes.

The University of Tokyo has 3 main libraries, General Library, Komaba Library, Kashiwa Library, and 27 departmental libraries, respectively placed in departments, graduate schools or research institutions, etc. These 30 libraries, which accrete as "one collaborate working system" and provide services, is "University of Tokyo Library System" (hereinafter referred to as "UTokyo Library System"), and the "10 million books/ journals" are the combined collections from these 30 libraries.

UTokyo Library System was established in 1877 on the campass of three departments of Law, Science, and Literature in Kanda Hitotsubashi. The library totally held approximately 54,000 volumes: approximately 28,000 volumes from these three departments and 26,000 volumes from the "Yobimon" (university preparatory school) of this University. The department of Medicine also had a book room inherited from Tokyo Igakko (Tokyo Medical School). Since then, as the university expanded with the establishment of new faculties, graduate schools and research institutes, libraries were also established in each department. However, the Great Kanto Earthquake in 1923 burned many of the libraries' materials to ashes. The building of the current General Library was rebuilt with a lot of support in 1928. However, even after that, several departments were damaged by air raids during the Pacific War, and several departments had to evacuate their library collections. In the postwar period, General Library was once sealed off due to the University of Tokyo conflict, and then there were also damaged by the Great East Japan Earthquakes.

During this time, while the mission to support learning, education, and research activities throughout the university has not changed, the roles and functions expected of UTokyo Library System have changed and diversified along with the development of the university and the social environment. To date, UTokyo Library System has realized the university–wide common expense system for the purchase of journals and other materials in order to maintain a stable supply of basic academic information, and has endeavored to enrich the student books that contribute to learning and education. In addition to expanding and maintaining paper collections, we also maintain e-resources (e-journals, e-books, and databases) . The convenience of these e-resources, being able to use anytime and anywhere, has been reaffirmed during the COVID–19 pandemic, and there is a demand for further improvement in the future.

Furthermore, in order to widely disseminate the world-class research results produced at the University of Tokyo both domestically and internationally, and to give back to our society, we have established and been operating the academic institutional repository, "UTokyo Repository", and are also working hard to make academic papers and other materials publicly available and open access. In February 2023, the University of Tokyo formulated "The Policy of the University of Tokyo on Research Data Management and Utilization", and "The University of Tokyo Open Access Policy". Then in February 2024, the national policy was also formulated, and currently reaffirming the library's role in promoting open science and open access.

In addition, we are promoting "UTokyo Digital Archives Development Project" to digitize and disseminate the academic assets held by the University of Tokyo. By aiming to strengthen the foundations that support academic diversity, we are devoting ourselves to create an environment in which the university's rich academic assets can be accessed anytime, anywhere by building a digital archive in collaboration with departments across the university.

The coexistence of such digital data and traditional holdings can also enhance the value of the library. The University of Tokyo's fundamental policy, "UTokyo Compass," is based on the concept of fusion of "humanities and sciences" and "East and West". In addition to that, it can be said that UTokyo Library System also contains the fusion of "tradition and revolution" and without either, this library would not exist.

UTokyo Library System will continue to play its role as the foundation of research and educational activities of the University of Tokyo, the world center of collaborative knowledge creation, and to return its academic assets to society in a new form, and we will continue to make efforts to develop and provide these services. We do hope that all users will fully make use of the library and that we can continue to count on your more understanding and cooperation.

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The University of Tokyo Library Charter

The University of Tokyo (hereinafter referred to as "this university") has established University of Tokyo Library System (hereinafter referred to as "UTokyo Library System") as an indispensable university–wide organization for learning, education, and research, and making it a center for collecting, preserving, and organizing the intellectual heritage of humanity, and the hub for disseminating newly created academic knowledge to the world.

In order to fulfill this duty, UTokyo Library System plays a role as an academic information infrastructure that supports learning, education and research activities at this university, and as one of the centers for the collection, preservation and dissemination of academic knowledge in Japan, contributes to the enhancement of the national academic research infrastructure, and also acts as a center for international collaboration and cooperation, serving the world's academic community by conducting academic information exchanges with academic institutions around the world.

The Commitment of University of Tokyo Library System

1. UTokyo Library System has a combination of learning support functions, research support functions, and preservation functions. General Library, Komaba Library, and Kashiwa Library provide all students of this university a place for studying, acquisition of comprehensive education, and development their intellectual character, and thus play a central role in providing learning support on each campus. Departmental libraries primarily support researches at this university, and also provide learning support functions according to the characteristics of each department.

2. UTokyo Library System will collect, preserve, and organize various academic information necessary for the development of learning, education, and research at this University, and makes it available for the users of both inside and outside the University as widely as possible depending on the nature of the materials, while responsibly passing on the valuable intellectual heritage of humanity that it holds to future generations.

3. UTokyo Library System will provide various types of academic information necessary for learning and acquiring education for all students throughout this university, and will maintain facilities, equipment, staffs and information to enable effective use of such information.

4. UTokyo Library System will make ceaseless efforts for improving its professional capabilities and the sophistication of its information systems so that all members of this university can share and effectively utilize the growing amount of academic information from around the world.

5. UTokyo Library System will disseminate various types of accumulated academic information and the expertise to effectively utilize it in an appropriate form both domestically and internationally.
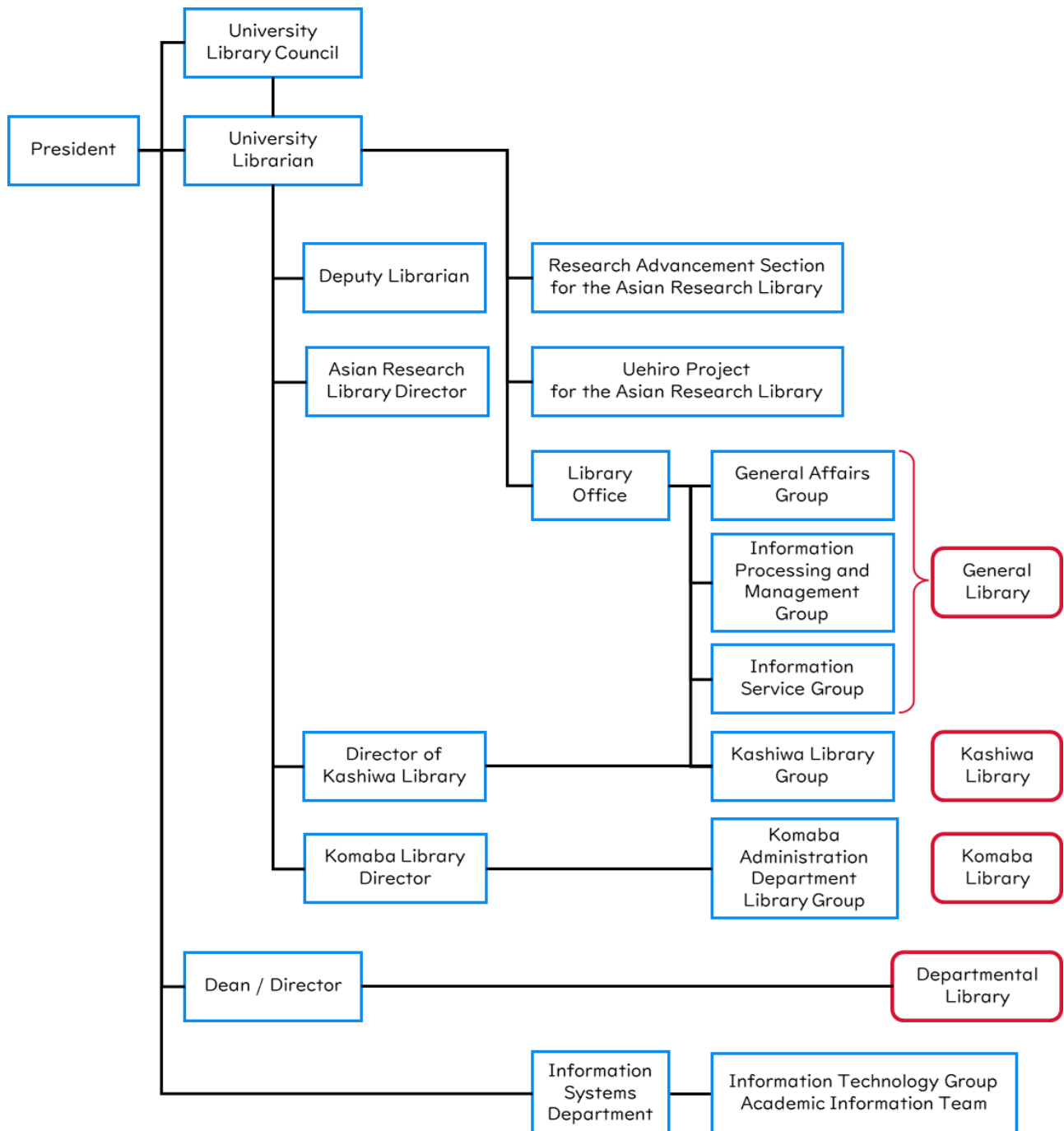
Established in March 2006

This English translation is a provisional version.
The University of Tokyo Library Charter (original in Japanese):
https://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ja/library/contents/about/charter

東京大学附属図書館 蔵書1000万冊記念
1000万冊のストーリー
UTokyo Library Milestone of **10 Million** Volumes

The collections of UTokyo Library System reached 10 million volumes in the fiscal year 2023! To commemorate this achievement, we have launched a public relations project titled, "**UTokyo Library Milestone of 10 Million Volumes: Stories of 10 Million Books**", for which a special website was created. On the website, we have posted a variety of content, including columns by faculties involved in the operation of the University Library System. Please visit the website:

https://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/html/special/10MVolumes/ (in Japanese)

Organization Chart

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President ─── University Library Council
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          └── University Librarian
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                  ├── Deputy Librarian ─── Research Advancement Section
                  │                        for the Asian Research Library
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                  ├── Asian Research ─── Uehiro Project
                  │   Library Director   for the Asian Research Library
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                  │   Library Office ─┬── General Affairs Group ─┐
                  │                   ├── Information              ├── General Library
                  │                   │   Processing and           │
                  │                   │   Management Group         │
                  │                   └── Information Service Group ┘
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                  ├── Director of ─── Kashiwa Library Group ─── Kashiwa Library
                  │   Kashiwa Library
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                  └── Komaba Library ─── Komaba Administration ─── Komaba Library
                      Director             Department Library Group

Dean / Director ─────────────────────── Departmental Library

Information Systems Department ─── Information Technology Group
                                   Academic Information Team
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About the University of Tokyo Library System

　The University of Tokyo has 3 main libraries, General Library in Hongo Campus, Komaba Library in Komaba Campus, Kashiwa Library in Kashiwa Campus, and additionally 27 departmental libraries placed at each department, graduate school, institute, and others, respectively. These 30 libraries are working together as one collaborative system to provide services to consist of "University of Tokyo Library System" (hereinafter referred to as "UTokyo Library System").

　UTokyo Library System, which consisted of many libraries, supports learning, education, and research activities at the University of Tokyo from multiple perspectives under the philosophy of "one collaborate working system".

Hongo Campus

〈Main Library〉 General Library

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

　General Library holds a wide range of materials from historically valuable materials to the most up-to-date materials, and is the largest library among the affiliated libraries in terms of the volume of collections and the number of serial publications accepting annually.

　In 2020, a decade of seismic retrofitting construction was completed, and now it is in effort of enhancing its functions to support learning, education, and research as a new hub of knowledge.

Engineering Bldg. Ⅰ Library B

Science Library

Departmental Libraries in 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, RACE : Research into Artifacts, Center for Engineering)
    - ● 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
- ● 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

Komaba Campus

〈Main Library〉 Komaba Library https://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/library/komaba

Since Komaba Library was opened in October 2002, it has been the main library for students in their "Zenki-Katei" (first two years of university life). The library space which features a corridor that lets in natural light and an open-plan lounge holds approximately 700,000 materials in a wide range of fields and approximately 1,100 reading seats.

Departmental Libraries in Komaba Campus

- ● Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Library (as Komaba 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

Graduate School of
Mathematical Sciences Library

Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology
Library

Kashiwa Campus

〈Main Library〉 Kashiwa Library https://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/library/kashiwa

Kashiwa Library which has started its operation in 2005 has a collection of approximately 470,000 volumes, as well as an automated storage house that centrally stores back issues of journals in the field of natural sciences.

Together with the Community Salon, Media Hall, and other facilities within the library, this library serves not only the students, faculty, and staff of Kashiwa campus, but also the entire university through the university's library network. In addition, this library is an open library that actively engages in partnerships with the local community through the Kashiwa Library Club (Tomonokai) and other organizations.

Departmental Libraries in Kashiwa Campus

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

Shirokanedai Campus

Departmental Library in Shirokanedai Campus

- Institute of Medical Science Library

For information on the use of each library and room, as well as its opening days and hours, please refer to the "Library List" on the UTokyo Library System website.

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

Special Collections

 The following list introduces major items from the collections held by each library.

   ✓ Please contact each library directly for information on how to use these materials.
   ✓ University of Tokyo Library System (hereinafter referred to as "UTokyo Library System") website also introduces many collections that are not listed here.
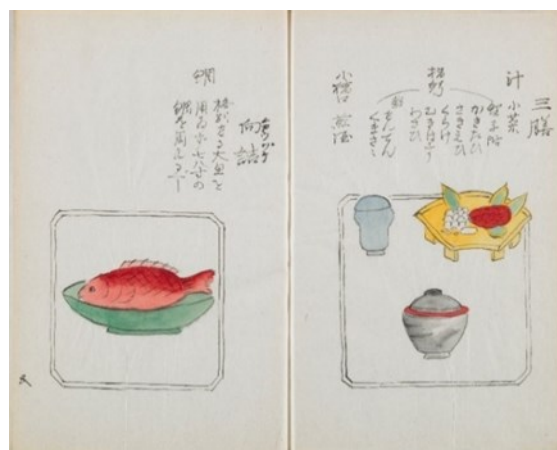   UTokyo Library System Website > About > Special Collections
   https://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/library/contents/about/all_collection

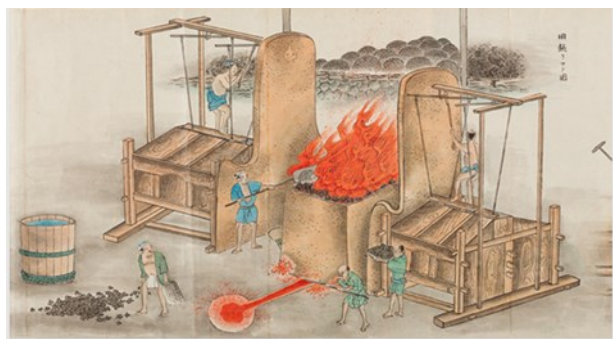| Name	Number of items	Description
General Library		
Nanki Collection	Approx. 96,000	Former collection of the Kishu Tokugawa family, which can be considered an accumulation of various private collections. A plaque with calligraphy by Tokugawa Yoshinobu has also been preserved.
Ogai Collection	Approx. 19,000 copies	Former collections of Mori Ogai (1862-1922), mainly books of history and literature, but also biographies, old maps of the Edo period, and Western books that were likely collected by him during his studies in Germany.
Renga Haikaisho Shusei (Shachiku, Chikurei, Chiju Collections)	Approx. 6,600	Renga Haikai Sho collected by haiku poets Ohno Shachiku (1872-1913), Tsunoda Chikurei (1857-1919), and Okano Chiju (1860-1932), respectively.
Tanaka Yoshio Collection	Approx. 6,000	Natural history, exposition-related materials and others collected by Baron Tanaka Yoshio (1838-1916), a naturalist of the Meiji period.

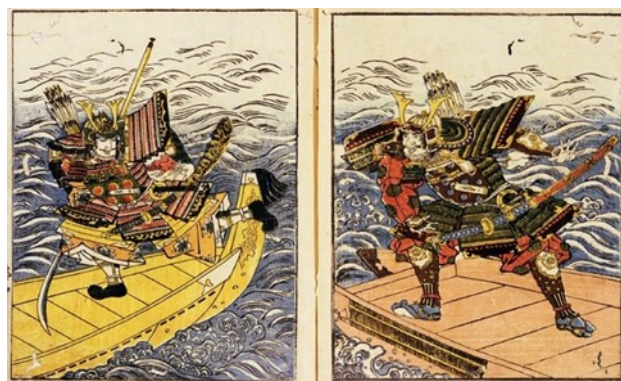*Inuoumono zusetsu.* Nanki Collection
(General Library)

Zenbu no koto. Ogai Collection
(General Library)

Name	Number of items	Description
Records of 50-year History of Imperial University of Tokyo	Approx. 470	A group of materials collected in the compilation of "The Fifty-Year History of Tokyo Imperial University (published in 1932)". Of these, 317 items were designated in 2013 as Important Cultural Property, "*Tokyodaigaku-shi kankei shiryo*" (Documents Relating to history of the University of Tokyo)
Sanskrit Manuscripts	Approx. 540	Buddhist manuscripts collected by Takakusu Junjiro (1866-1945) in Nepal, and by Kawaguchi Ekai (1866-1945) in Nepal and Tibet.
Medical Library		
Waldeyer Collection	Approx. 4,000	Former collection of German anatomist Wilhelm von Waldeyer-Hartz (1836-1921).
Kure Shuzo Collection	Approx. 300	Former collection of Kure Shuzo (1865—1932), psychiatrist and Emeritus Professor of the faculty of medicine, the University of Tokyo.
Libraries for Engineering and Information Science & Technology		
Koi Furuichi Collection	397	Former collection of Furuichi Koi (1854-1934), served the first president of College of Engineering, Imperial University, and the first president of the Japan Society of Civil Engineers, such as class notes and exercise drawings during his studying days in France, as well as his book collections, etc. (Holdings of the Engineering Bldg. 1 Library A)
West Collection	251 books 5 titles of bound journals consist of 149 Vols. 22 notebooks	Former collection of Charles Dickinson West (1847-1908), an Irish mechanical engineer, naval architect, and appointed teacher from abroad. (Holdings of the Engineering Bldg. 2 Library)
Mines in Paintings and Illustrated Scrolls Collection	5 Emaki Scrolls 4 Pictures	The collection includes scrolls with images of Sado Aikawa Gold Silver Mine (Sado-shi, Niigata Prefecture), Heii-gun Kanazawa Village Gold Mine (Otsuchi-cho, Iwate Prefecture), and Saki no Ohtsu Agawa Village (Shimonoseki-shi, Yamaguchi Prefecture), and also pictures such as Shikioka e-zu and Furigane e-zu. In particular, "Saki no Ohtsu Agawa-mura yama-satetsu arai-tori no zu" is highly regarded as an introduction to the cutting-edge steel industry of the time, including iron manufacturing using Tatara furnaces, and has been featured in textbooks and other publications. (Holdings of the Engineering Bldg. 3 Library)
Noro Kageyoshi Collection	124	Former collection of Noro Kageyoshi (1854-1923), a 1882 graduate of this university and the first president of the Iron and Steel Institute of Japan. (Holdings of the Engineering Bldg. 4 Library)

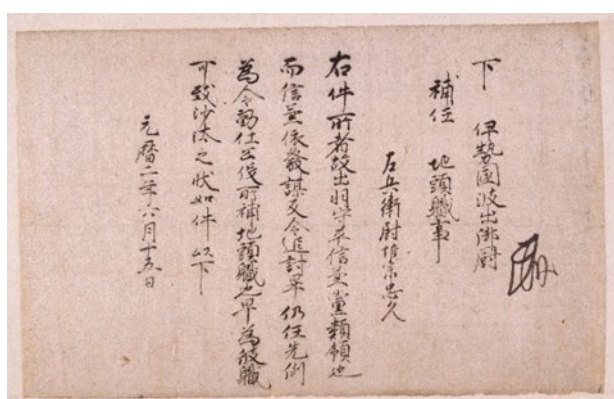| Name	Number of items	Description
Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology / Faculty of Letters Library		
Motoori Collection	Approx. 3,800	A Part of the materials passed down in the lineage of Motoori Ohira (adopted son of Motoori Norinaga). This collection Includes materials in Norinaga's own handwriting and many drafts and printed books by descendants of the Motoori family. It is recorded in the microfilm "Motoori-Bunko: a collection of the University of Tokyo" (compiled by Department of Japanese Literature, the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, the University of Tokyo. Published by Yushodo Publishing Co.)
Ichikawa Collection	Approx. 1,200	English linguistics and linguistics-related Western books from the late 19th to early 20th centuries formerly collected by Ichikawa Sanki (1886-1970), English literature scholar and Professor Emeritus at Tokyo Imperial University.
The Library of Economics		
Adam Smith Collection	319	Former collection of Scottish economist Adam Smith (1723-1790).
Engel Collection	1,219	Former collection of German statistician Ernst Engel (1821-1896).
Historical Coins Collection	12,473	Collection of coins from ancient to the present, mainly from Japan, China, Korea, and Vietnam.
Historical Bills Collection	Approx. 25,000	Currency bills collections mainly from Japan and China.
Graduate School of Education / Faculty of Education Library		
Fujikawa Collection	174	Among the former collections of Fujikawa Yu (1865-1940), a medical historian, doctor of medicine, and doctor of literature, textbooks and educational materials from the late Edo and Meiji periods such as Orai-mono (textbooks), tales, lessons, picture books, and other materials.

Saki no Ohtsu Agawa-mura yama-satetsu arai–tori no zu. Mines in Paintings and Illustrated Scrolls Collection
(Engineering Bldg. 3 Library, Libraries for Engineering and Information Science & Technology)

Ehon musha waraji. Fujikawa Collection
(Graduate School of Education / Faculty of Education Library)

Name	Number of items	Description
Pharmaceutical Sciences Library		
The Collection of Pharmaceutical History	Approx. 400	Books and materials related to the history of pharmacy donated by the Japanese Society for the History of Pharmacy such as textbooks, biographies of pharmacopoeia – or pharmacy-related persons, history of pharmacy, history of medicine, illustrated reference books and chronologies, company histories and histories of research institutions, museum-related materials, journals of academic societies, and historical documents on the history of pharmacy, etc.
Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies Library		
Ono Hideo Collection	4,751	Kawaraban (newspaper), Shinbun Nishiki-e (Illustrated color newspaper), and Gogai (extra editions) collected by Ono Hideo (1885–1977), the actual founder of the Institute of Journalism and Communication Studies, predecessor of Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies.
Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia Library		
The Oki Collection	3,168	Collection of materials related to Chinese law systems donated by Mr. Oki Kanichi (1881–1958), a lawyer residing in Beijing, at the time of the founding of the Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia.
The Daiber Collection	487	Manuscripts and other materials related to Islam, mainly written in Arabic, which are important sources on the religion, thought, and history of Islam, collected by Hans Daiber (1942-), a German scholar of Islam.
Institute of Social Science Library		
Itoi Collection	Approx. 10,500	Materials related to the Japanese labor situation, collected by Itoi Kinji (1895–1959), who was involved in the administration of job placement.
Records of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East	454	Documents regarding the court trial and its defense related to the International Military Tribunal for the Far East.
Shimada Collection	125	Former collection of Shimada Toshihiko (1908–1975), consisting mainly of materials related to the 6th Section (in charge of Chinese intelligence) of the Naval General Staff Office.

Name	Number of items	Description
Historiographical Institute Library		
Documents of the Shimazu Family	Approx. 9,500	[National Treasure] Historical documents from the 12th to 19th centuries transmitted among generations of the Shimazu family of Satsuma (Kagoshima Pref.)
Documents of the So Family	Approx. 3,000	Historical documents from the archives of the Edo mansion of the Tsushima clan (Nagasaki Pref.)
Documents of the Uramatsu Family	Approx. 1,000	Historical documents related to Uramatsu Kozen (1736–1804), a court noble of late Edo period.

Rekidai-kikan Minamoto-no-Yoritomo Kudashibumi.
Documents of the Shimazu Family
（Historiographical Institute Library）

"UTokyo Digital Archive Portal" is operated by "UTokyo Digital Archives Development Project" implemented mainly by UTokyo Library System, The University Museum, The University of Tokyo Archives, and the Information Technology Center to promote the digitization of academic assets held by departments, labs and others of this university. This portal allows users to search the contents of the University's digital archives in a centralized manner. Some of the collections held by each library are also available on this portal.

Timeline of Library History

1877   Foundation of Tokyo University (Tokyo Daigaku): establishment of four departments, Law, Science, Literature, and Medicine.

The library of the three departments of law, science, and literature are placed in Kanda-Hitotsubashi. (Department of Medicine in Hongo possessed a book room taken over from Tokyo Medical School (Tokyo Igakko).)

1878   A Book Exhibition Room is newly established in Department of Medicine.

1884   The library of the three departments of law, science, and literature are relocated to Hongo.

1886   The Imperial University Order (Teikoku Daigaku Rei) is promulgated.

Rename of Tokyo University Library as Imperial University Library.

1892   The new Imperial University Library building is inaugurated.

Exterior view of the library

1897   Renaming of Imperial University (Teikoku Daigaku) as Tokyo Imperial University (Tokyo Teikoku Daigaku).

Imperial University Library is renamed as Tokyo Imperial University Library.

1923   The university library is completely destroyed by the fire and the most of its collections are burned down in the wake of the Great Kanto Earthquake.

Remnants of the university library, library office and stacks after the quake

League of Nations adopts a resolution supporting the recovery of the Tokyo Imperial University library collection.

1924   Received a 4 million yen donation from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. for the reconstruction of the university library.

1928   The new library building is completed.

Full view of the new library

1944   Evacuation of holdings from the
~45   university library, the Faculty of Law, and the Historiographical Institute are proceeded.

Faculty of Medicine, including the Department of Pharmacy also has a record of war-time evacuation while the details of date is unknown.

1945	The most of the wooden buildings of the Faculty of Agriculture are burned down in an air raid and the faculty library lost the collection.
1949	Tokyo Daigaku (The University of Tokyo) is established.
1961	University Librarian , Prof. Kishimoto Hideo presents a plan to reform the university library.
	Received funds of 84.6 million yen from the Rockefeller Foundation for the modernization of library functions. Renovation of the university library is carried out (completed in March 1964).
	Work begins on the compilation of a union catalog of all university library holdings.
1962	Launch of "Toshokan no Mado" (The University of Tokyo Library bulletin, currently The University of Tokyo Library System Bulletin.)
1968	General Library is sealed off due to the University of Tokyo conflict. (Library is opened to resume its services from the following February.)
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 is started.
1987	Start of the project to retrospectively convert catalog records of Western materials into digital format.

1993	OPAC becomes accessible on campus via the Internet-based UTnet (the University of Tokyo Information Network System).
1995	Start of a 10-year retrospective conversion project (Phase I) of outstanding library holdings.
	University of Tokyo Library website becomes available online.
1997	University Library digitization project is started.
2000	Electronic journal (EJ) services is launched on a trial basis. (the official operation begins in 2003.)
2002	Inauguration of Komaba Library.

Komaba Library

| 2004 | Establishment of the University of Tokyo Library System's Basic Principles. These principles stipulate that the University of Tokyo Library System (hereinafter referred to as "UTokyo Library System") shall consist of the General Library, the Komaba Library, the Kashiwa Library, and the Departmental Libraries. Then herein the management principle is specified as "one collaborate working system." |

2005   Inauguration of the Kashiwa library.

Kashiwa Library

UTokyo Library System starts offering the e-DDS service (Electronic Document Delivery System & Services).

The trial operation of ASK Service is started. (Its official operation begins in August 2006)

2006   Establishment of "the University of Tokyo Library Charter".

UT Repository (currently called UTokyo Repository) is launched.

2008   A ceremony for commemorating the 80th anniversary of the reconstruction of the General Library is held.

2010   Start of the consideration for the New Library Project.

2011   A great number of library materials are damaged by fall out due to the Great East Japan Earthquake, and many affiliate libraries are temporarily closed.

MyOPAC service is launched.

2013   The start of the preparatory work for the General Library Annex in the New Library Project.

"Documents Relating to history of the University of Tokyo", the holding of the Archives Section of the University of Tokyo (currently The University of Tokyo Archives) and the General Library, is designated as Important Cultural Property.

2014   Establishment of the Uehiro Project for the Asian Research Library (U-PARL).

Main construction work on the General Library Annex is started in the New Library Project.

2015   Construction work on the General Library Main Building is started in the New Library Project.

2017   Inauguration of the General Library Annex (Library Plaza).

2019   UTokyo Academic Archives Portal website is released.

2020   The opening of the Asian Research Library.

The grand opening ceremony is held for celebrating the completion of construction for the main and annex buildings of the General Library.

2021   Establishment of Research Advancement Section for the Asian Research Library (RASARL).

EZproxy service is started.

2024   As of the end of FY2023, the total number of holdings in the 30 affiliates of UTokyo Library System exceed 10 million.

UTokyo Digital Archive Portal is released.
(Renewed UTokyo Academic Archives Portal)

Library Plaza
(General Library Annex)

Automated Storage
(General Library Annex)

Successive University Librarians

Name	Affiliation	Term		
Sueoka, Seiichi	Department of Literature	1881.8.5	—	
Tanaka, Inagi	Department of Literature	1882.3.4	—	1882.7.22
Yatabe, Umekichi	Bachelor of Science	1882.7.22	—	1883.12.11
Matsui, Naokichi	Department of Science	1883.12.13	—	1885.11
Kinoshita, Hiroji	College of Law	1886.3.9	—	1889.10.23
Miyazaki, Michisaburo	College of Law	1889.10.23	—	1890.3.24
Tanaka, Inagi	College of Literature	1890.3.24	—	1893.9.6
Wada, Mankichi	College of Literature	1893.11.7	—	1923.11.29
Anezaki, Masaharu	Faculty of Letters	1923.11.29	—	1934.3.30
Takayanagi, Kenzo	Faculty of Law	1934.3.31	—	1940.6.14
Ichikawa, Sanki	Faculty of Letters	1940.6.15	—	1946.10.4
Takagi, Yasaka	Faculty of Law	1946.10.5	—	1950.3.30
Takagi, Sadaji	Faculty of Letters	1950.3.31	—	1953.4.9
Suyenobu, Sanji	Faculty of Law	1953.4.10	—	1960.3.31
Kishimoto, Hideo	Faculty of Letters	1960.4.1	—	1964.1.25
Ito, Yosoji	Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	1964.1.26	—	1969.3.31
Matsuda, Tomoo	Faculty of Economics	1969.4.1	—	1972.3.31
Imai, Isao	Faculty of Science	1972.4.1	—	1975.3.31
Ando, Yoshio	Faculty of Economics	1975.4.1	—	1978.3.31
Fujiwara, Shizuo	Faculty of Science	1978.4.1	—	1981.3.31
Urata, Takeo	Faculty of Education	1981.4.1	—	1985.3.31
Yamasaki, Hiroo	Faculty of Engineering	1985.4.1	—	1988.3.31
Kuroda, Haruo	Faculty of Science	1988.4.1	—	1991.3.31
Shimizu, Tadao	Faculty of Science	1991.4.1	—	1994.3.31
Kaihara, Shigekoto	Faculty of Medicine	1994.4.1	—	1996.3.31
Rokumoto, Kahei	Graduate Schools for Law and Politics	1996.4.1	—	1999.3.31
Ochiai, Takushiro	Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences	1999.4.1	—	2002.3.31
Hirowatari, Seigo	Institute of Social Science	2002.4.1	—	2003.3.31
Komiyama, Hiroshi	Graduate School of Engineering	2003.4.1	—	2005.3.31
Saigo, Kazuhiko	Graduate School of Engineering	2005.4.1	—	2009.3.31
Furuta, Motoo	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	2009.4.1	—	2015.3.31
Kurushima, Noriko	Historiographical Institute	2015.4.1	—	2018.3.31
Kumano, Sumihiko	Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology	2018.4.1	—	2021.3.31
Sakai, Shuichi	Graduate School of Information Science and Technology	2021.4.1	—	2024.3.31
	Institute for Future Initiatives	2024.4.1	—	

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As of March 31, 2024

	Staffs		Number of Holdings						Cost of Materials	Material Added to the Collection								Lending outside the Library	Interlibrary Loan (Photoduplication)	
			Books			Serial Publication				Books				Serial Publication						
	Full-timer	Part Timer	Japanese (volumes)	Foreign (volumes)	Total (volumes)	Japanese (titles)	Foreign (titles)	Total (titles)	Total (Thousand yen)	Japanese (volumes)	Foreign (volumes)	Total (volumes)	New Purchases out of Total	Japanese (titles)	Foreign (titles)	Total (titles)	New Purchases out of Total	(copies)	Requests Filled (requests)	Requests Initiated (requests)
Graduate Schools for Law and Politics / Faculty of Law Library	12	5	307,887	553,557	861,444	2,271	3,920	6,191	105,220	3,595	4,484	8,079	4,273	578	704	1,282	827	—	252	220
Center for Modern Japanese Legal and Political Documents (Meiji Shinbun Zasshi Bunko)	3	0	57,805	823	58,628	8,166	39	8,205	71	24	1	25	1	175	0	175	0	—	50	1
Medical Library	10	5	115,032	146,979	262,011	1,743	1,715	3,458	21,736	1,457	88	1,545	1,399	422	22	444	144	13,352	2,788	243
Libraries for Engineering and Information Science & Technology	21	7	174,018	232,767	406,785	4,028	3,457	7,485	20,034	2,225	1,686	3,911	1,326	706	114	820	326	32,946	276	51
Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology / Faculty of Letters Library	7	15	569,911	575,741	1,145,652	9,630	3,749	13,379	54,163	5,314	4,485	9,799	3,645	540	538	1,078	704	9,944	302	290
Science Library	5	7	43,024	181,152	224,176	1,486	4,449	5,935	13,253	360	781	1,141	302	201	140	341	78	9,131	92	23
University Library for Agricultural and Life Sciences	10	4	273,525	194,583	468,108	8,019	5,389	13,408	32,866	4,187	6,225	10,412	858	908	419	1,327	562	11,240	912	57
The Library of Economics	8	13	523,769	331,363	855,132	11,558	4,655	16,213	33,327	2,790	895	3,685	2,116	455	198	653	280	10,839	178	69
Komaba Library/Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Library	21	14	641,901	511,937	1,153,838	2,430	3,643	6,073	34,678	6,996	2,427	9,423	4,635	778	567	1,345	813	152,750	607	391
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Science Library	2	0	12,257	20,831	33,088	138	413	551	313	395	15	410	73	18	6	24	18	2,756	-	18
Center for Pacific and American Studies Library, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	1	2	14,970	62,335	77,305	126	1,090	1,216	1,900	98	176	274	117	39	50	89	43	1,118	13	0
Graduate School of Education / Faculty of Education Library	4	4	104,287	66,216	170,503	2,972	989	3,961	7,909	921	226	1,147	611	360	69	429	198	10,774	359	112
Pharmaceutical Sciences Library	2	2	14,962	37,142	52,104	414	426	840	1,794	166	30	196	141	73	0	73	10	2,246	80	13
Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences Library	2	3	16,120	146,284	162,404	138	1,675	1,813	46,542	144	1,550	1,694	1,593	21	408	429	282	2,990	69	1
Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies, Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies Library	2	3	71,039	55,015	126,054	1,359	1,342	2,701	2,463	464	138	602	490	143	35	178	93	3,128	240	27
Multi-media & Socio-information Studies Archive	0	0	12,233	2,618	14,851	0	0	0	1,427	93	12	105	105	0	0	0	0	—	80	0
Institute of Medical Science Library	2	0	292	137	429	32	13	45	183	0	0	0	0	9	4	13	4	163	100	66
Earthquake Research Institute Library	2	1	23,176	37,362	60,538	1,231	1,308	2,539	1,363	111	43	154	51	85	17	102	26	558	18	0
Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia Library	5	5	510,229	197,270	707,499	2,540	6,548	9,088	11,067	4,278	1,821	6,099	1,106	307	592	899	444	199	63	38
Institute of Social Science Library	7	0	215,733	142,043	357,776	5,312	2,219	7,531	15,880	981	591	1,572	794	571	153	724	279	7,803	235	51
Institute of Industrial Science Library	2	0	59,095	92,599	151,694	1,070	1,501	2,571	1,177	124	7	131	115	103	6	109	7	668	32	59
Historiographical Institute Library	15	0	542,536	16,742	559,278	3,141	291	3,432	7,066	2,152	114	2,266	495	1,495	31	1,526	102	—	136	21
Institute for Cosmic Ray Research Library	0	1	1,008	23,503	24,511	21	214	235	517	5	6	11	11	11	3	14	12	42	4	5
The Institute for Solid State Physics Library	2	1	8,063	60,058	68,121	99	635	734	9,380	174	156	330	272	34	1	35	31	2,835	20	0
Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute Library	3	1	23,803	36,736	60,539	1,672	1,200	2,872	4,501	162	43	205	112	343	204	547	40	459	33	16
Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology Library	2	1	18,518	30,563	49,081	81	417	498	1,656	217	35	252	195	18	1	19	11	1,311	2	8
University Museum Library	1	1	10,045	2,258	12,303	738	354	1,092	0	333	3	336	0	184	37	221	0	127	1	10
Departmental Library Total	151	95	4,365,238	3,758,614	8,123,852	70,415	51,651	122,066	430,486	37,766	26,038	63,804	24,836	8,577	4,319	12,896	5,334	277,379	6,942	1,790
General Library	39	17	916,057	507,602	1,423,659	12,937	11,485	24,422	2,064,299	16,298	16,528	32,826	6,552	1,064	183	1,247	184	172,691	2,802	20
Kashiwa Library	5	2	146,999	344,812	491,811	8,467	16,862	25,329	12,003	1,360	397	1,757	1,264	25	6	31	27	16,691	516	27
Total	195	114	5,428,294	4,611,028	10,039,322	91,819	79,998	171,817	2,506,788	55,424	42,963	98,387	32,652	9,666	4,508	14,174	5,545	466,761	10,260	1,837

According to "Daigaku, tanki-daigaku, koto-semmon-gakko toshokan chosa (Survey of Libraries at Universities, Junior Colleges, and Colleges of Technology)" by the Japan Library Association.
(The number of staff is based on the staff list of the UTokyo Library System (as of April 1, 2024).)/Full-timer includes employees with limited working duties or hours.)

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