

# 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)



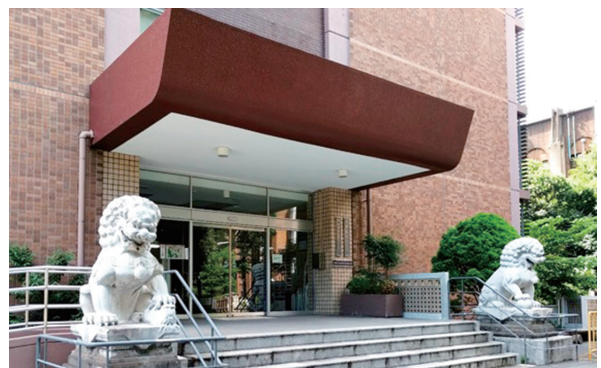
General Library (around 2010)



General Library (current)



Medical Library



Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia Library

## University of Tokyo Library System Website

For the latest information, please refer to our website.

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

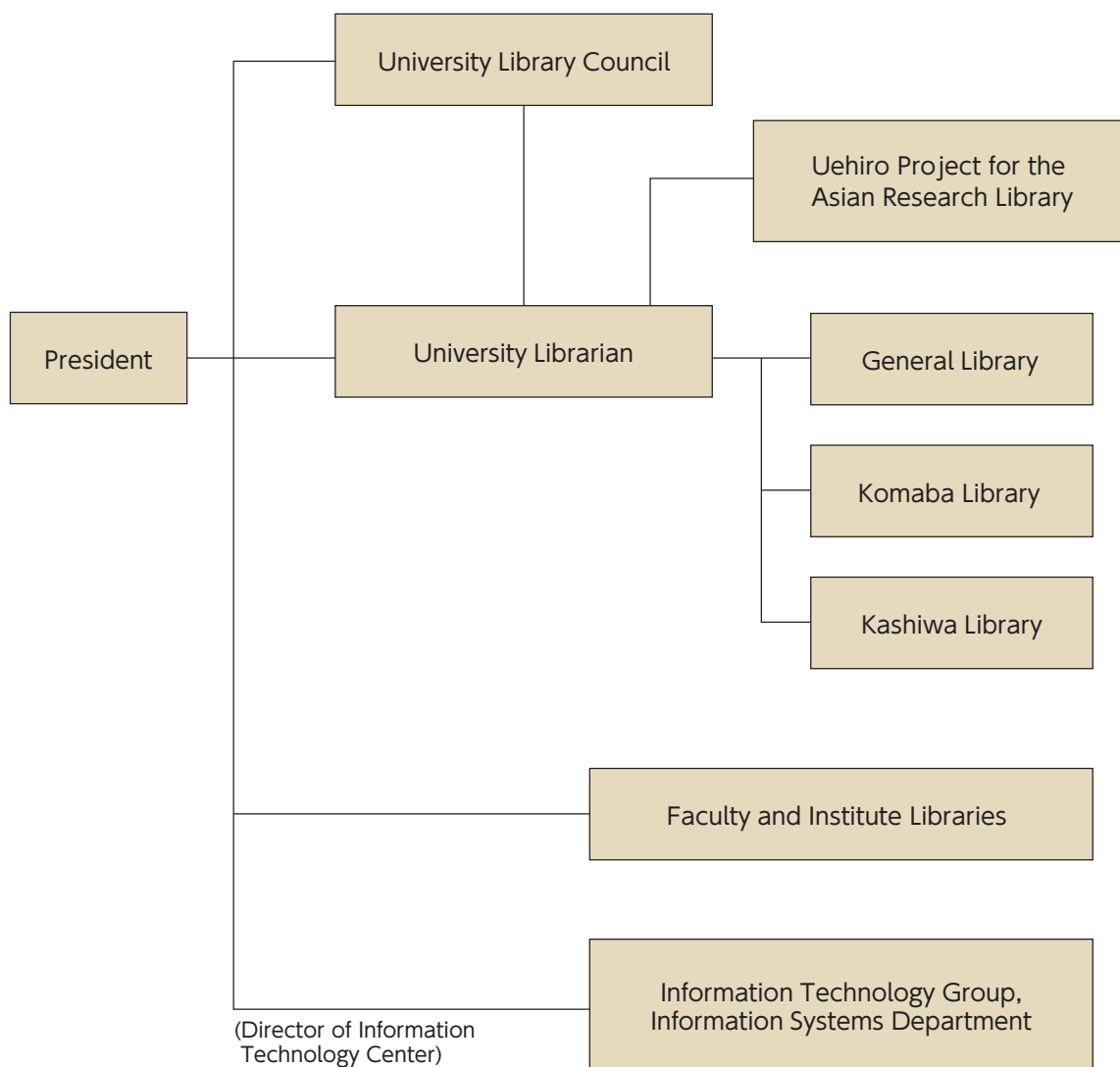


# About University of Tokyo Library System

The University of Tokyo Library System is composed of the General Library, the Komaba Library, 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 9.6 million volumes – expanding at a rate of approximately hundred thousand volumes per year in recent years – and 167 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: 1,285,461  
Number of periodical titles: 21,503  
Materials expenditures: 1,380,546,000 JPY (FY2017)  
Shelving capacity: 4,333,000 volumes  
Floor area: 23,849 m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of visitors: 322,006 entries (FY 2017)  
Number of loan books: 114,924 (FY 2017)



## Komaba Library — Komaba Campus —

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

Total number of volumes: 673,355  
Number of periodical titles: 5,817  
Materials expenditures: 370,670,000 JPY (FY2017)  
Shelving capacity: 860,000 volumes  
Floor area: 9,819 m<sup>2</sup>  
(Including the Storage Stack Room)  
Number of visitors: 693,600 (FY 2017)  
Number of loan books: 165,941 (FY 2017)



## Kashiwa Library — Kashiwa Campus —

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

Total number of volumes: 432,333  
Number of periodical titles: 23,877  
Materials expenditures: 12,989,000 JPY (FY 2017)  
Shelving capacity: 1,102,000 volumes  
Floor area: 5,666 m<sup>2</sup>  
Number of visitors: 39,055 (FY 2017)  
Number of loan books: 31,822 (FY 2017)



# 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



Science Library  
(June 2018: Reopening after renovation)



- 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



Graduate School of Education  
/ Faculty of Education Library  
(September 2017: Reopening after renovation)

## 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



Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences Library

## Kashiwa Campus

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



Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute Library

## Shirokanedai Campus

- Institute of Medical Science Library

Library hours and procedures vary from library to library. Before using a library, please check the each website.

Libraries University of Tokyo

Homepage > Libraries

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

## | The New Library Project |

The University of Tokyo is implementing “Academic Commons”, the University of Tokyo New Library Plan, which will substantially expand the facilities in the current General Library at the Hongo Campus in order to create a new hub for excellence in education and research. This multi-year project includes several sub-projects.



General Library Annex

### General Library Annex

The UTokyo Library General Library Annex was completed in May 2017.

“Library Plaza” located on the 1st basement floor of the UTokyo General Library Annex, is a space where researchers and students from various fields can gather to interact and to hold discussions. On the 2nd basement floor through the 4th basement floor is the Automated Storage and Retrieval System that can accommodate 3 million books.

### Asian Research Library and U-PARL (Uehiro Project for the Asian Research Library)

The vast resources for the study of Asia collected at the University of Tokyo, particularly works written in classical Chinese, are known throughout the world for both their quality and quantity. In order to make these resources more accessible, while also building on this collection, the concept for the Asian Research Library, a center for research on Asia, was developed as one of the pillars of the plan for the new library at the University of Tokyo.

Researchers specializing in Asian studies were given the responsibility to make this idea a reality, and to do so U-PARL (Uehiro Project for the Asian Research Library) was established in April 2014 as a research organization affiliated with the University of Tokyo Library by a grant from the Uehiro Foundation on Ethics and Education. In preparation for the opening of the Asian Research Library (set for the year 2020) on the fourth floor of the University of Tokyo’s General Library, members of U-PARL conduct research on Asia and library science in order to plan the structure and layout of the collection, in addition to making efforts to digitize materials on Asia and disseminate research on Asia through seminars.

## | Digital Archives Project |

The University of Tokyo is promoting the construction of digital archives.

The University of Tokyo Archives, The University Museum, Information Technology Center, and University of Tokyo Library System collaborate on this project. The library supports the digitization of each department.

By the end of 2018, we will complete a portal system that can cross-search the University of Tokyo digital contents.

We published the “UTokyo Academic Archives Collection” in December 2017.

This introduces the websites that digitize and publish various academic assets held by the University of Tokyo. You can easily access each database via this collection site.

 東京大学学術資産等アーカイブズリンク集  
UTokyo Academic Archives Collection

[http://da.dl.itc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/dalink/index\\_en.html](http://da.dl.itc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/dalink/index_en.html)



# History

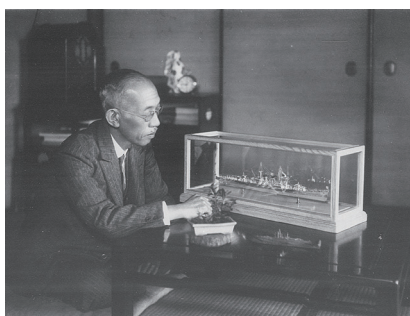
1877	Foundation of the University of Tokyo, composed of three faculties: Law, Medicine, and Letters.
1923	Most of the university library and its collection were destroyed by fire in the wake of the Great Kanto Earthquake. The League of Nations adopts a resolution supporting the recovery of the library 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) .

# 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)



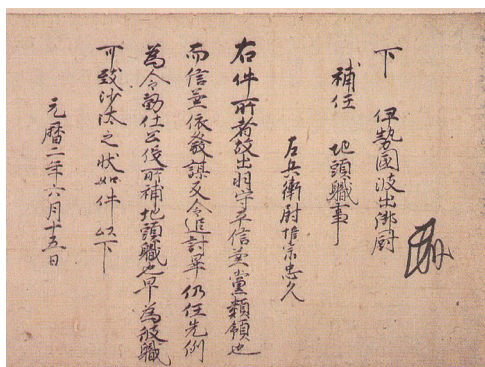
Yuzuru Hiraga Collection  
(Kashiwa Library)



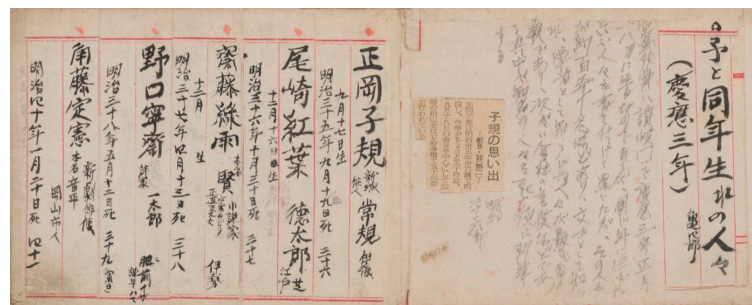
Adam Smith Collection  
(The Library of Economics)



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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.).
Materials Formerly Held by the Tokudaiji Family	ca. 4,400	Historical documents belonging to the court noble Tokudaiji family.



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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