Introduction

Since the establishment of the University of Tsukuba in 1973, the university has promoted constant reforms in order to create a new university system, based on the founding principle to be an open university in all aspects. We are a frontrunner in the university reform in Japan that looks toward the world and our future, under the slogan "IMAGINE THE FUTURE."

The University of Tsukuba Library offers its services for about a million users per year from inside and outside the university. It plays important roles in dealing with academic information in the center of the university and Tsukuba Science City.

We intend to focus on the following four points for supporting accomplishment of the university's mission.

Education and learning support
We provide comfortable facilities, equipment and services, which support the students with their spontaneous learning and acquiring broad knowledge.

Collection of comprehensive materials
We appropriately select and provide academic information and materials which are necessary for education and learning within the university.

Research support / Publishing outcomes
We provide the best environment for researchers to access academic information. We function as a hub for distributing academic information by accumulating and disseminating the intellectual works of the university.

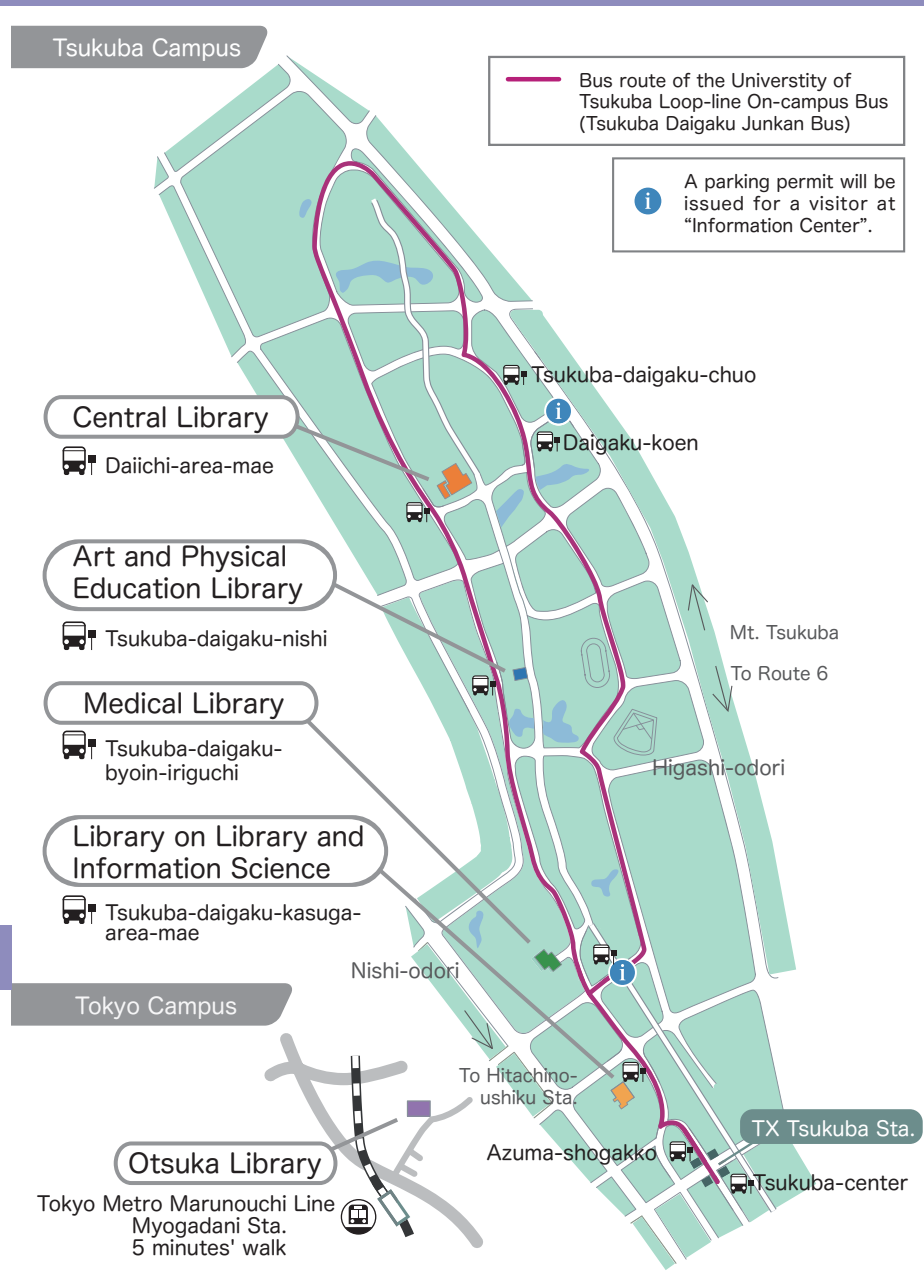## The library open to the public / Lifelong learning support
We contribute to the regional society by providing access to the materials and opportunities for lifelong learning.

Five distinctive Libraries

The library consists of the Central Library and four branch libraries. The Central Library is one of the largest in Japan in terms of both the size of floor space and the number of books. The university's students, faculty, and staff members are allowed to use them anytime during the opening hours. The library is used to promote interdisciplinary activities, which is one of the traits of the university.

Location of Libraries

Tsukuba Campus

Bus route of the Universtity of Tsukuba Loop-line On-campus Bus (Tsukuba Daigaku Junkan Bus)

ⓘ A parking permit will be issued for a visitor at "Information Center".

Tsukuba-daigaku-chuo

Central Library
Daiichi-area-mae

Daigaku-koen

Art and Physical Education Library
Tsukuba-daigaku-nishi

Mt. Tsukuba
To Route 6

Medical Library
Tsukuba-daigaku-byoin-iriguchi

Higashi-odori

Library on Library and Information Science
Tsukuba-daigaku-kasuga-area-mae

Nishi-odori

Tokyo Campus

To Hitachino-ushiku Sta.

Otsuka Library
Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line Myogadani Sta. 5 minutes' walk

Azuma-shogakko

TX Tsukuba Sta.

Tsukuba-center

Library hours

Tsukuba campus		Term Period	Vacation Periods
Central Library	Mon. to Fri.	8:30 ～ 24:00	9:00 ～ 20:00
	Sat. Sun. & National holidays	9:00 ～ 20:00	9:00 ～ 18:00
Art and Physical Education Library Library on Library and Information Science	Mon. to Fri.	8:30 ～ 22:00	9:00 ～ 17:00
	Sat. Sun. & National holidays	10:00 ～ 18:00	Closed
Medical Library	Mon. to Fri.	8:30 ～ 22:00	9:00 ～ 20:00 ※
	Sat. Sun. & National holidays	9:00 ～ 22:00	

※ Library hours in Feb. & Sep. will be the same as during the term. (Medical)

Tokyo campus	Mon.	Tue. to Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	National holidays
Otsuka Library	10:30～18:30	10:00～21:10	10:00～19:50	10:00～18:00	Closed

The temporary closing and the change in opening hours are notified on the library website.

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UNIVERSITY of TSUKUBA LIBRARY

Education and learning support

The library provides learning environments suitable for various learning styles such as personal/group learning, making a presentation and exhibitions of learning/research outcomes. The library hold various seminars, which encourage students' active intellectual exchanges, and promote their spontaneous learning and presentation of learning outcomes.

>> Advancing learning environment
1. Support desk: Senior students provide consultations on learning such as course registration or writing academic essays (Central Library, Library on Library and Information Science).
2. Chat frame: You can chat with your friends (Central Library).
3. "Eureka!": a space for exhibition of art works and group learning (Art and Physical Education Library).
4. Popular carrels facing open ceiling space (Medical Library).
5. Learning Commons run by students (Library on Library and Information Science).
6. Personal learning spaces facing greenery (Ōtsuka Library).
7. Seminar room: a suitable space for group discussion (All Libraries)

Collection of comprehensive materials

The library holds 2.64 million books and 30,000 titles of periodicals in open stacks, so that you have direct access to stacks for browsing. We also provide access to 31,000 e-books, 29,000 e-journals and 33 databases which are necessary for learning and research.
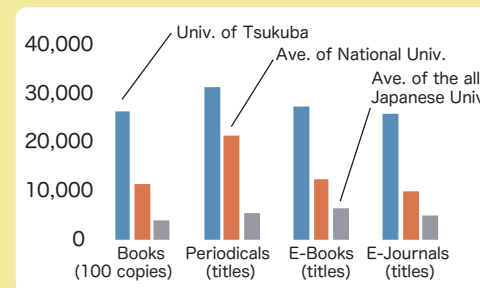
>> Main Collection
Ⅰ) **Kyoiku Nishiki-e issued by the Ministry of Education :** These Nishiki-e (colored woodblock prints) are published to help in education in families with small children. The Library holds 94 sheets of these items.
Ⅱ) **A leaf from the Gutenberg Bible :** The Gutenberg Bible was the world's first book printed with typographic printing. This leaf (ca. 1455) is from the Old Testament Book of Ezekiel.
Ⅲ) **Comenius Library :** A gift from Professor Satoru Umene of the Tokyo University of Education. The collection contains 236 materials related to the Czech educator Comenius (received in 1967). Among these materials, there is "The World in Pictures", the world's first picture encyclopedia.
Other collections : The Max Besson Library of "Japonica" Collection, Documents related to the Shoheizaka Gakumonjo, Folding Screens painted by Tan'yu Kano, Naonobu Kano, etc.

Research support/Publishing outcomes

Nobel Prize laureates from the University of Tsukuba

Dr. Sin-Itiro Tomonaga
Former President 1965 Physics
(Tokyo University of Education)

Dr. Leo Esaki
Former President
1973 Physics

Dr. Hideki Shirakawa
Professor Emeritus
2000 Chemistry

Cyborg-type medical robot HAL® developed by incorporating 'Cybernics' (by Prof. Sankai)

Three Nobel Prize laureates have been associated with the University of Tsukuba. Besides, the University has actively developed new cross-disciplinary approaches to research like an interdisciplinary academic field called 'Cybernics': the fusion of science and technology and medicine, HAL® (Hybrid Assistive Limb) has been created with this technology. Such interdisciplinary research activities which are the strengths of the University of Tsukuba are supported by the enormous volume of materials and latest academic information base provided by the library.

Tsukuba Repository (Tulips-R)
https://tsukuba.repo.nii.ac.jp

>> Tsukuba Repository (Tulips-R)
University of Tsukuba has provided open public access to scholarly contents by the faculty and researchers of the university via "Tsukuba Repository" since 2006.
On November, 2015, the university adopted "University of Tsukuba Open Access Policy". Tsukuba Repository is expected further social contribution and increase awareness of the university, and we intend to work initiatively to meet that expectations.

The library open to the public/ Lifelong learning support

The library is open to the public, and offers on-site services and book lending service. We also provide about 100 library tours for 8,600 annual visitors like high school students or guests from overseas.
Some of the rare books and valuable books are exhibited in the regular exhibition, "Japanese publishing culture". Besides, special exhibitions with various themes will be held every year.

>> Library volunteers
Volunteers by citizens are active in services like general information, reading service for eye-handicapped, guidance in foreign languages.
The activity marked the 20th anniversary in June 2015. The library will continue to support volunteer activities as a place of lifelong learning.

>> Library seen by statistics

Univ. of Tsukuba
Ave. of National Univ.
Ave. of the all Japanese Univ.

40,000
30,000
20,000
10,000
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Books (100 copies)　Periodicals (titles)　E-Books (titles)　E-Journals (titles)

The number of books is more than twice the average of national universities.
The number of accessible e-journal titles is nearly five times the average of Japanese universities.
(Ref. Survey on Actual State of Academic Information Infrastructure - FY2015 surveyed)

More than 150 seminars are held in a year, and the total of 6,000 people participate in the seminars!
(e.g., Freshman seminar, orientation for International students)

>> Official SNS accounts of the Library

Check it out!

Official Twitter (@tsukubauniv_lib)
http://twitter.com/tsukubauniv_lib
The number of followers on Twitter is more than 5,700!
(As of March 2017)

Official Facebook
http://www.facebook.com/tsukubauniv.lib
The official Facebook took the third-highest number of "like!" in Japanese university libraries!
(As of March 2017)

Official mascots of the Library
Tulip-san & Gama-jumper