

Outline of the University of Tsukuba Library

A reliable Library that everyone would like to visit

The University of Tsukuba Library aims at functioning as the hub of scholarly and scientific information which support teaching, learning and research activities of the University. As an university Library which is open to all within and outside of Japan, we have close cooperative relationships with the local community, research laboratories and educational organizations, throughout Japan, and around the world.

The Library consists of the Central Library and four branch Libraries, i.e., Art and Physical Education Library, Medical Library, Library on Library and Information Science and Otsuka Library. They are managed in a centralized control system for collecting Library materials and operated a completely open stack system. The Library opens seven days a week and provides well-developed reference services and multi-functional digital Library services and supporting volunteer activities.

The Library endeavors to enrich collections and enhance user support to become "a reliable Library that everyone would like to visit".

History

Oct. 1973	Founding of the University of Tsukuba and its Library	Sep. 2009	Completion of repair work of the Central Library Annex 2F
Jul. 1974	Opening of the Art and Physical Education Library	Feb. 2010	Introduction of the Discovery service (Next-generation OPAC)
Jan. 1978	Opening of the Medical Library	Mar. 2010	Start of works for the reconstruction (Otsuka Library / Aug. 2011 completion)
Oct. 1979	Opening of the Central Library	Mar. 2011	Affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake
Jan. 1989	Opening of the Otsuka Library	Sep. 2011	Opening of "Learning Square" (Central Library)
Mar. 1995	Completion of the Central Library Annex	Oct. 2011	Start of "Learning Adviser" (Central Library)
Jun. 1995	Beginning of staffing by library volunteers	Mar. 2012	Completion of restoration from the earthquake (Art and Physical Education Library)
Jan. 1998	Beginning of Digital Library system	Oct. 2012	Start of Writing Support Seminar Series
Oct. 2002	Unification with the University of Library and Information Science: Opening of the Library on Library and Information Science	Nov. 2012	Start of Trial opening hour extension (Central Library / Apr. 2015 completion)
Apr. 2004	Reorganization of the Library Office in accordance with the start of the National University Corporation	Sep. 2013	Start of works for the improved earthquake-resistance (Medical Library / Aug. 2014 completion)
May. 2005	Founding of the Research and Development Office	Oct. 2013	Start of Library Official Facebook
Mar. 2006	Starting the Service of Tsukuba Repository	Mar. 2014	Renewal of the Library website
Mar. 2008	Opening of the coffee shop (Central Library)	Jun. 2015	20th anniversary ceremony of library volunteers
Jul. 2008	Start of works for the improved earthquake-resistance (Central Library / Jan. 2011 completion)	Jul. 2015	Start of Trial opening hour extension (Special Libraries)
		Nov. 2015	Adopting of "University of Tsukuba Open Access Policy"
		Mar. 2016	Renewal of "Learning Square" (Central Library)

Statistics

2014 - 2015

Collections

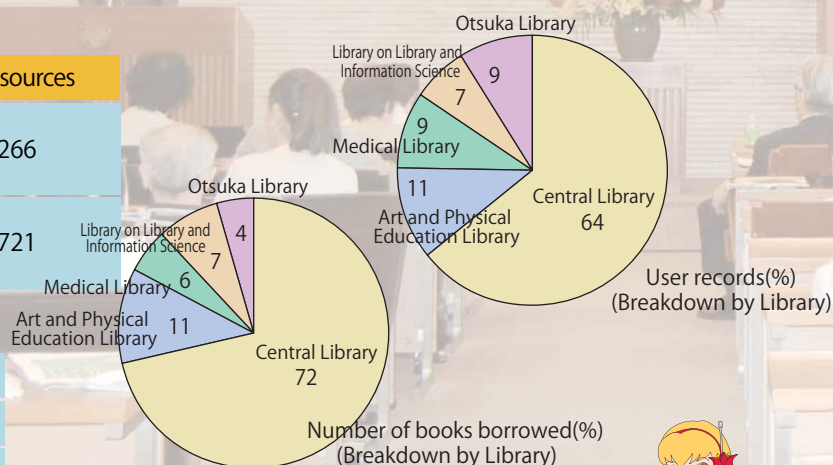
Type	Total	e-Resources
Books (Volume)	Japanese 1,588,506	27,266
	Foreign 1,029,788	
Periodicals (Title)	Japanese 17,028	25,721
	Foreign 14,176	

Circulation

User records	948,882 (2,775 users per day)
Book borrowers	120,036 (343 users per day)
Volumes lent	310,046 (886 vols. per day)

Facilities *

	Gross area(m ²)	Reading Stock Area	Seats	Study cubicles	Seminar rooms
Central Library	19,330	8,829	1,077	39	4
Art and Physical Education Library	3,518	2,362	355	4	2
Medical Library	2,793	1,920	338	6	2
Library on Library and Information Science	2,798	2,116	252	0	2
Otsuka Library	1,552	1,155	128	0	3
Total	29,991	16,382	2,150	49	13



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

Supporting teaching, learning and research

- **An extensive collection** : The Library holds about 2,620,000 volumes of books and 31,200 titles of periodicals arranged on open stacks which users can freely access. Among the Library's holdings, there are 800,000 volumes from the former Tokyo University of Education, and 150,000 volumes of Japanese style books and Chinese classic books.
- **Enriched e-resources** : The Library offers more than 27,300 e-books, 25,700 electronic journals and many databases such as Web of Science and SciFinder, CiNii-Articles.
- **A comfortable learning environment** : The Library provides over 2,100 seats for reading and study, as well as seminar rooms for group study, and study cubicles for graduate students and faculty members. There are also more than 300 computer terminals for searching Library materials or accessing e-resources purchased by the Library and writing reports. As the University encourages active learning of students, the Library have developed learning commons in Central Library and Library on Library and Information Science.
- **Supporting the user** : Librarians at a reference/information desk are available to answer questions. There are also Library orientation programs for new students, workshops on Library research, effective use of electronic journals and databases, etc.

Supporting lifelong learning

- **The Library open to the community** : People outside the university can use the Library and check out books. The Library also provides Library tours for high school students, PTA groups and others.
- **Library volunteer staff activities** : The Library has more than 50 Library volunteer staff. Library volunteers provide general information on the Library in Japanese and/or foreign languages, Library tour, reading service for visually-impaired people and other services for users.
- **Regular and special exhibitions** : In addition to regular "Japanese Print Culture" exhibitions, the Library also features special exhibitions of rare book collections every year.

Web Services / Tsukuba Repository

- **Web Services** : The Library's website (Tsukuba Digital Library Service) provides the public with Tulip Search, a sophisticated information discovery system, academic information resources, and digitized versions of rare book collections via the Internet.
- **Tsukuba Repository** : Tsukuba Repository collects, preserves and provides access to the digital objects created through research at University of Tsukuba, including journal articles, doctoral dissertations, research papers, departmental bulletin papers, reports of Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research, etc.
- **Research and Development Office** : The Research and Development Office has surveyed current issues of the Library operations and services and develop new tools and methods.

Library Twitter/ Facebook

- **Twitter** [@tsukubauniv_lib](https://twitter.com/tsukubauniv_lib)
- **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/tsukubauniv.lib>



The main collection

Educational Colored Woodblock Prints published by 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.

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.

A leaf from a Gutenberg Bible



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.

Location of Libraries

Tsukuba Campus



Central Library
(029)853-6055



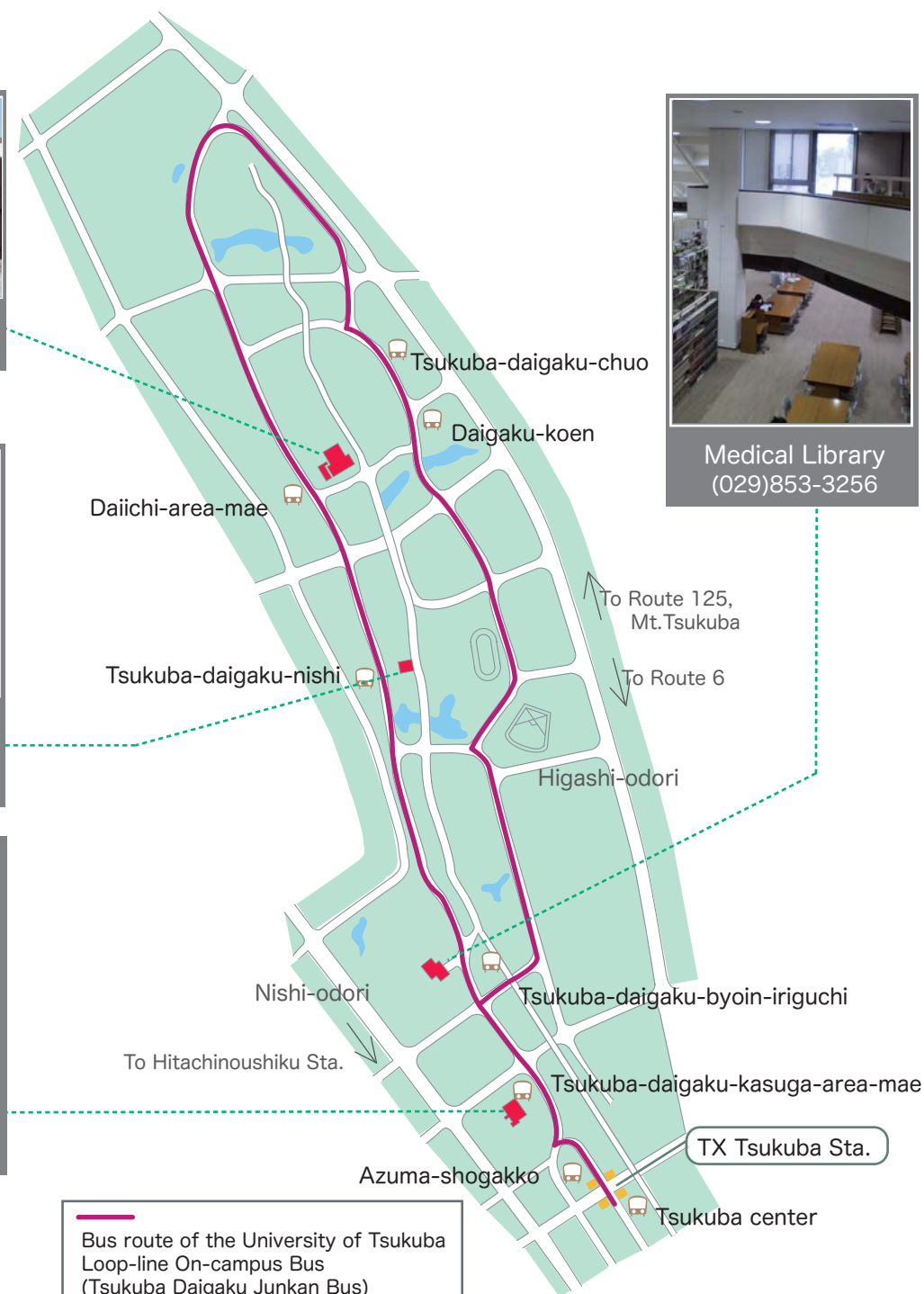
Art and Physical Education
Library
(029)853-2878



Library on Library and
Information Science
(029)859-1232



Medical Library
(029)853-3256



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

Tokyo Campus



Otsuka Library
(03)3942-6818



Tokyo Metro Myogadani Sta.

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.