

Using the Library

Hours

Open	Monday - Saturday 9AM - 5PM
Closed	Sundays, Holidays Year's End/New Year (Dec. 28 - Jan. 4), etc. * Nichibunken affiliates with special permission can use the library after hours

Checkout & Returns

	Books	Periodicals
Faculty (including visiting faculty) Administrators Professors emiriti Sôkendai graduate students & researchers	100 books 6 months	5 items 1 week
Team researchers Special inter-institutional research fellows Visiting research fellows Former faculty Sôkendai graduates	10 books 1 month	5 items 1 week

Reference works, unbound periodicals, rare books and audio-visual materials are non-circulating. Please place a request with the circulation staff if you want to use rare books. Only Nichibunken affiliates can borrow books.

Guest Wi-Fi

Guest Wi-Fi account is available.

Database & Open access

Nichibunken Database (<https://www.nichibun.ac.jp/en/db/>)

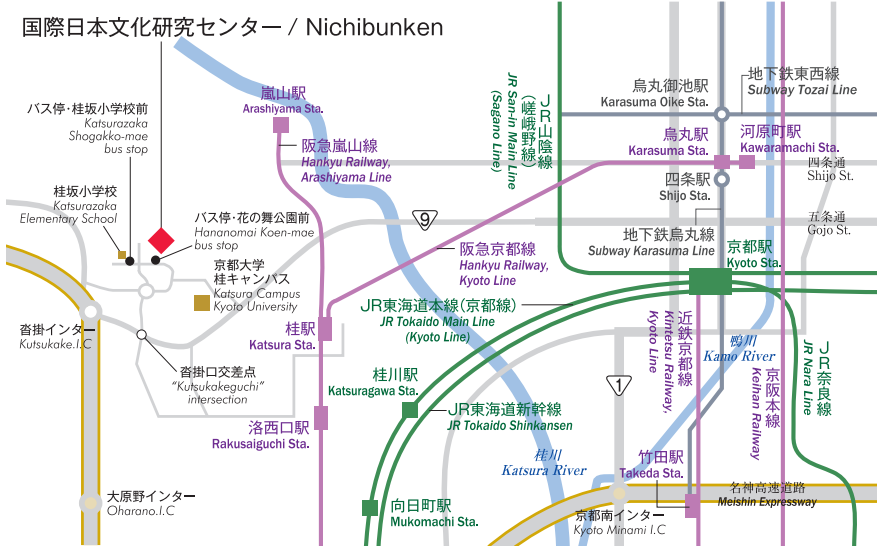
We digitize library materials (rare books, paintings of Yōkai, maps, early photographs, postcards, Enpon, records, etc.) These are available on the Internet.



Nichibunken Open Access (<https://nichibun.repo.nii.ac.jp/>)



Research outputs acquired by faculty and related persons at Nichibunken are made available for public access as well as those on publications of Nichibunken. You can also download Library collection lists.



Transportation

From Hankyu Railway Katsura Station (West Exit)

- Take the Kyoto City Bus “Nishi #5” or “Nishi #6” bound for “Katsurazaka Chuo”. Get off at “Katsurazaka Shogakko-mae” stop (30 min.).
- Take the Keihan Kyoto Kotsu Bus #20 or #20B bound for “Katsurazaka Chuo”. Get off at “Hananomai Koen-mae” stop (20 min.).
- By Taxi, about 15 minutes.

Getting to Hankyu Katsura Station from JR Kyoto Station

From Kyoto Station, take the Subway (Karasuma Line) north to Shijo Station and transfer to the Hankyu Railway. Take an Umeda-bound train to Katsura Station.

From JR Kyoto Station (Karasuma Chuo Exit)

Take Keihan Kyoto Kotsu Bus #21, #21A, or #26 bound for “Katsurazaka Chuo”. Get off at “Hananomai Koen-mae” (or “Katsurazaka Shogakko-mae” for #26) stop (45 min.) / By Taxi, about 40 minutes.

From JR Katsuragawa Station

Take Yasaka Bus #1 or #6 bound for “Katsurazaka Chuo”. Get off at “Katsurazaka Shogakko-mae” or “Hananomai Koen-mae” stop (30 min).

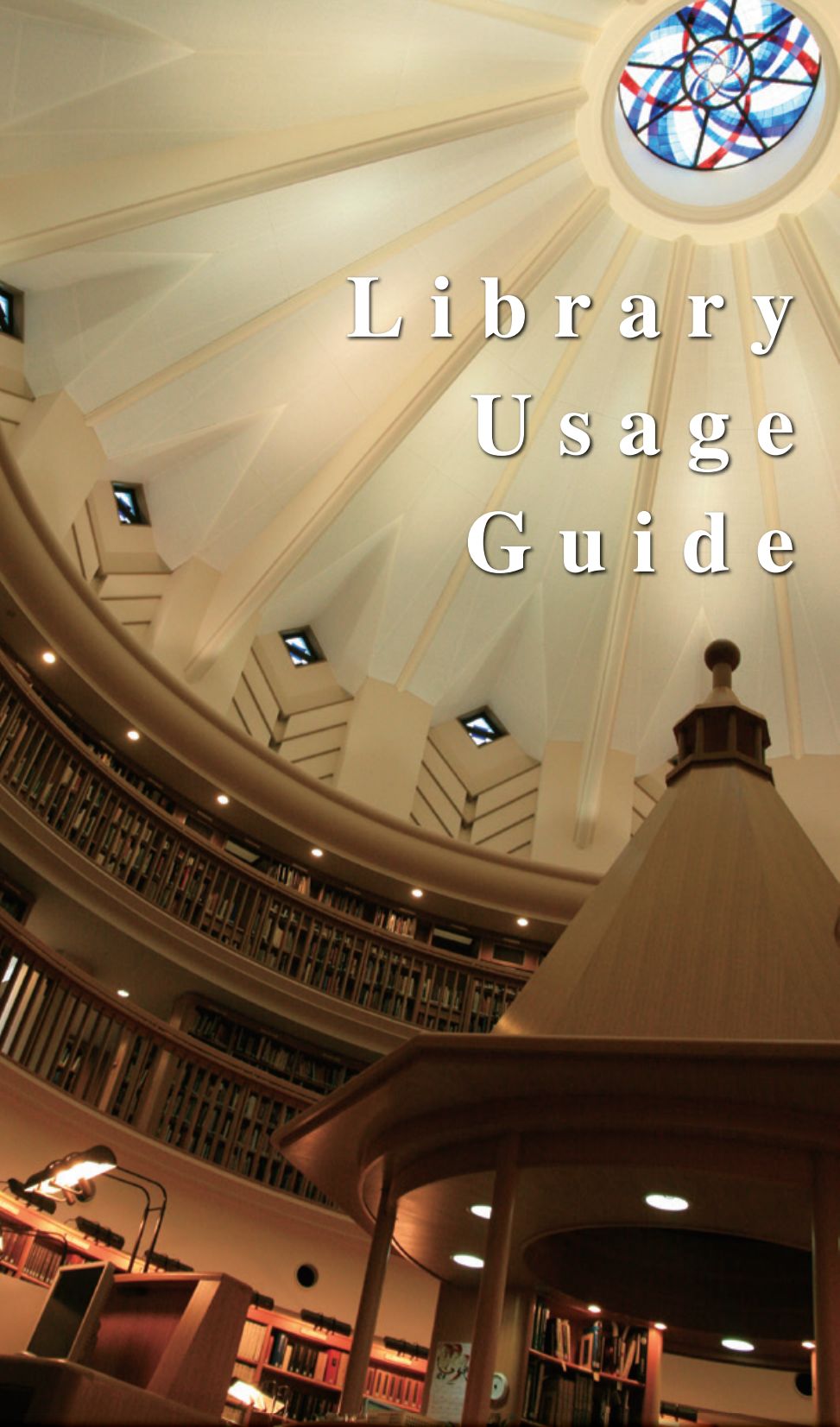
Guide for Guests

Visitors may use the library, only for the purpose of conducting research. Please consult with your university library or the closest municipal library and contact the Nichibunken library in advance to inform us of your visiting. When you visit the library, please present your documents (ID card etc.) at the circulation desk, and sign the visitors' log. Please visit our website for details.

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In 1987, the International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken) was established as an inter-university research institute of the Ministry of Education with the goals of carrying out international, scholarly, and interdisciplinary research on Japanese culture, and providing research support to Japanese studies scholars around the world. In that spirit, this library’s mission is to build a wide-ranging collection of bibliographical sources required for Japanese studies and to make those sources available for Japanese studies scholars in Japan and overseas to use in their research. The library also serves as the home library for the Japanese Studies Program (former “Department of Japanese Studies in the School of Cultural and Social Studies”) of the Graduate University for Advanced Studies.

Library Collections

The library places particular emphasis on acquiring foreign-language books on Japan written and published overseas. At Nichibunken such books are called “Gaisho (Japanese studies and related books in foreign languages)”.

■ Holdings	Japanese	approx. 400,000	foreign languages	approx. 192,000 of which approx. 74,000 are “foreign books”
■ Magazines	Japanese	approx. 8,000 titles	foreign languages	approx. 1,200 titles
■ Audiovisual Materials	(Videos, CDs, Maps, Photographs)	approx. 22,000 titles		
■ Microfilms		approx. 3,800 titles		
■ e-resources	(CD-ROMs, DVD-ROMs, etc.)	approx. 430 titles		

Special collections

- Soda collection
- Noma collection
- Rokyoku SP records collection
- Sino-Japanese Collection (the Sino-Japanese Historical Research Center) etc.



Subscribed e-resource

The databases and journals can be accessed online from PCs and via networks at Nichibunken.

- JapanKnowledge Lib / KinoDen / Zassaku Plus / MAGAZINEPLUS / The 20th Century Media Information / BAS / Asahi Shimbun Cross-Search / 字林洋行中英文報紙全文数拠庫 / JSTOR / Link (Springer) etc.



Search and Placement of Materials

Search for books and magazines using webOPAC, then check the call number and location in the stacks. You can also search in the stacks directly using the appropriate classifications.

※You can also search for Nichibunken materials using CiNii Books and OCLC WorldCat.

Reference Books	
References, Directories	Reading Room 1F
Catalogs, Almanacs	Reading Room 2F
Almanacs (Chinese)	Audiovisual Stacks 2F
Japanese Books	
Japanese books・Oversized books	Library Stacks 1・2F Foreign Books Stacks 2F
Japanese books (K-KD:Art books)	Audiovisual Stacks 2F
Manga	Audiovisual Stacks 2F
Soda & Noma collection	Foreign Books Stacks 3F
Foreign Books	
Western, Korean, Russian books	Foreign Books Stacks 3F
Western books (N:Art books)	Audiovisual Stacks 2F
Chinese books	Audiovisual Stacks 2F
Foreign oversized books	Foreign Books Stacks 2F
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Western, Chinese, Korean, Russian periodicals	Foreign Books Stacks 2F※
Oversized periodicals	Foreign Books Stacks 2F

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Audiovisual Materials ・ Microfilms etc.	
DVDs・CDs・VHSs・Records etc.	Audiovisual Stacks 1F(AV Material Room)
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Rare Books ・ Special collections etc.	
Books in Japanese binding	Library Stacks 3F(Old Books Room)
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Book Classifications

Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Reference books

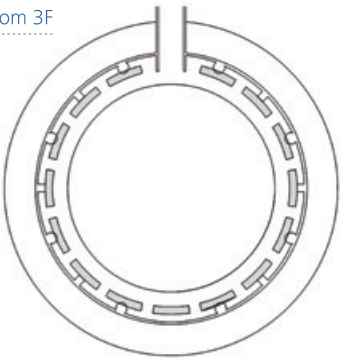
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Western books

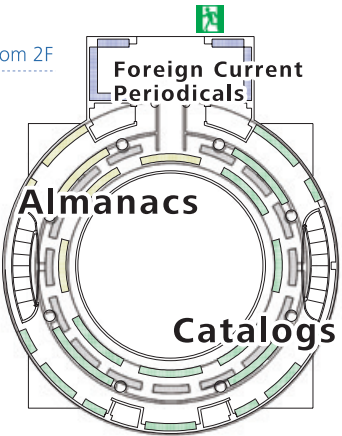
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Library Floor Map

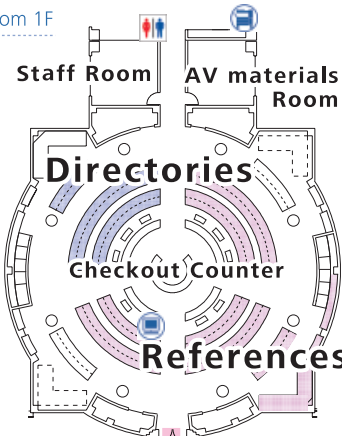
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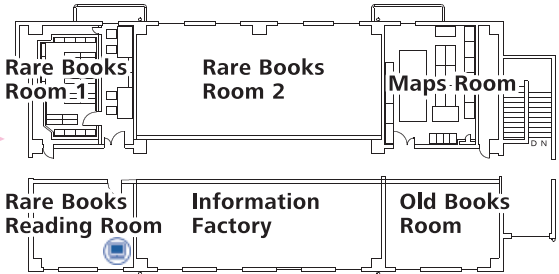
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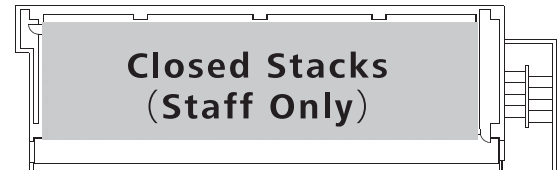
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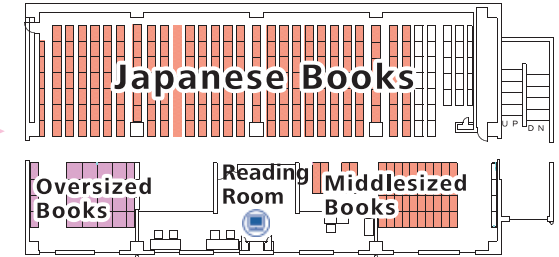
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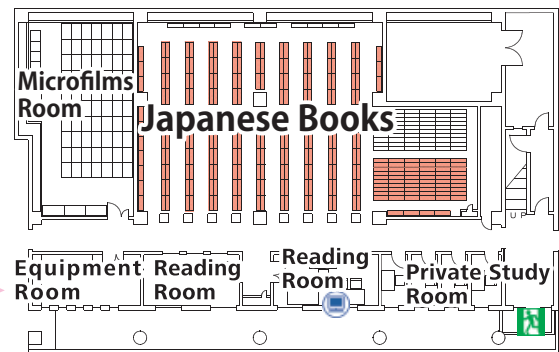
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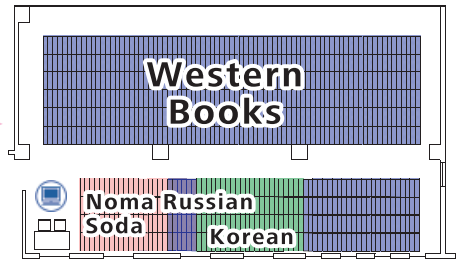
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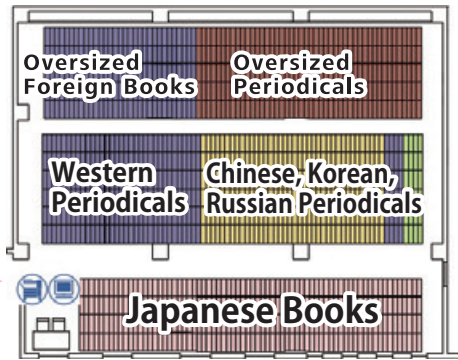
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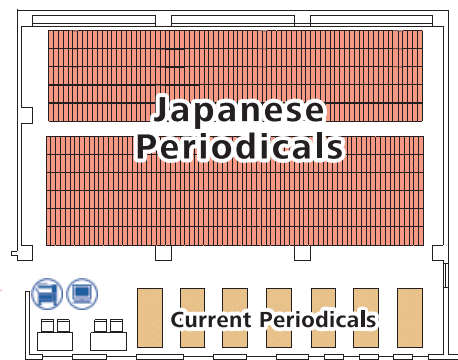
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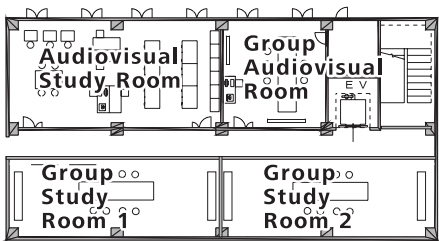
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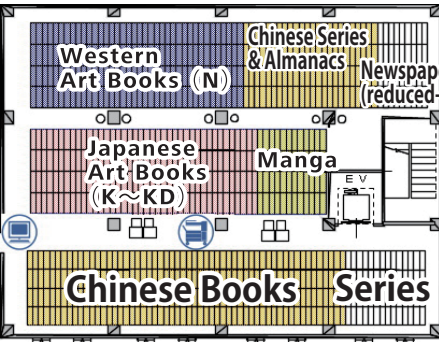
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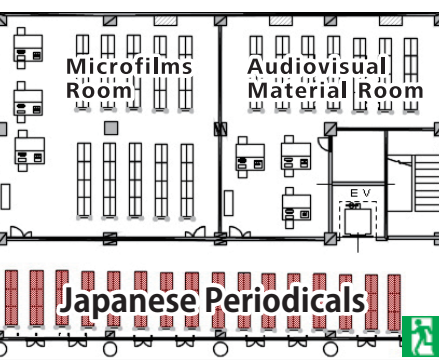
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