

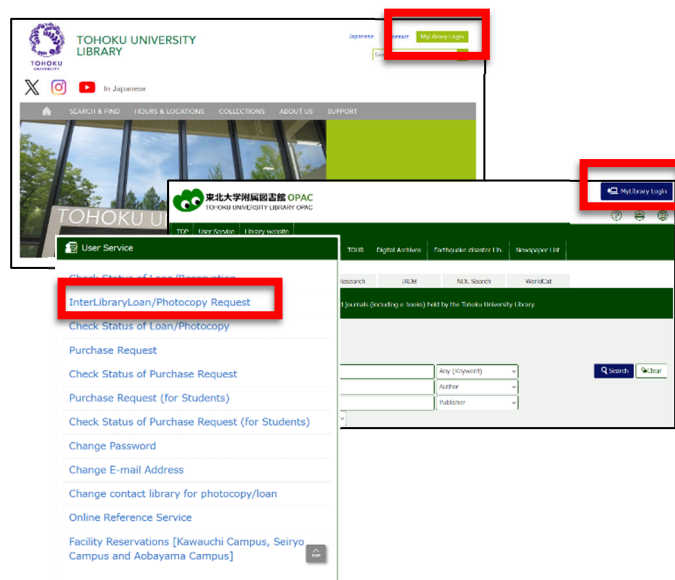


Exciting News About the Inter-Library Loan Services of Tohoku University

We are thrilled to inform you about the exciting library news that marked the beginning of this school year: inter-library loan services at Tohoku University libraries are now free of charge, courtesy of our University!

But let's start from the very beginning. Do you know how the Inter-Library Loan (ILL) service actually works? Well, Tohoku University offers the opportunity to the students and staff to request necessary research books from the other university libraries in Japan, if they are not available on the OPAC system of our library. Any student or staff is able to make an ILL request, and collect their books at the ILL counters of their respective libraries. In the past, this service required payment.

However, from April 1st 2025, the university announced that it will cover the costs of all ILL requests, whether for copies or loans, regardless of whether they are for university or personal expenses. This support is available to all students and staff of the university, with no limits on the number of requests or the total amount spent annually. All you need to do is apply through the MyLibrary website, select "**ILL University Support**" as the payment method, and you're good to go!



Please feel free to visit our counter if you have any trouble making your ILL request, and we will happily assist you.

Big News

学内の方
For University Members

2025年4月から

ILL

文献／現物の取り寄せ費用を
大学が負担します

From of April 1, all ILL (Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery) fees, whether for private or official expenses, will be borne by the university.

費用を気にせず取り寄せできる！
I can get books or documents without being concerned about the expense!

＜＜大学負担の対象となるもの＞＞
Eligible for university funding

- ・ 対象者： 学内構成員 (学生含む)
Persons All University members (Students/Faculties/Staff)
- ・ 対象範囲： 2025 年 4 月 1 日以降申し込み分
Period For applications made on or after April 1, 2025

※2024 年度内に申し込んだものは対象外 (有料)
Application submitted before April 1 are excluded.

海外からの取り寄せもできる！
Easily request materials from overseas!

附属図書館

Reader's Choice: What to Read Next?

This section introduces a book from our available selection at the Tohoku University Main Library. It is intended to pique your interest and fill your grey matter with intellect and emotion. Sit back and enjoy it!

Whether it's because you enjoy studying and have a passion for research, or because it felt like the natural path to take before becoming a working adult (*shakaijin*), everyone who has joined the University community will be here for a significant period. With new hopes blooming alongside the cherry blossoms during the entrance ceremony, many may feel that they finally want to study something they are truly interested in. Especially at Tohoku University—one of whose three guiding principles is “research first”—this emphasis is probably highlighted in many classes. One thing is clear: whether you're an undergraduate, graduate, or a PhD student, or even an exchange student, in the end you will need to write a thesis to get your long-awaited diploma.

Writing a thesis is not an easy task. You are expected to complete one, but depending on the circumstances, you may find yourself in a situation where you didn't receive enough guidance in your classes, or where there's simply no one around to support you. In many cases, this kind of knowledge is taken for granted, and the student is expected to figure it out alone. However, this can lead to feelings of anxiety and insecurity prompting questions like “Am I doing it right? Is this really okay?”.

In this month's newsletter, I'd like to recommend a book that helped me a lot when I was thinking about how to plan my thesis

and future dissertation. The English title is *How to Write a Thesis*, by Italian author Umberto Eco. This book is very easy to understand and gives you all the essential clues about what you need to consider when choosing a topic, how to write, how to reference, and much more. The original was published in 1977, but much of its content is still relevant today. In fact, it's also quite interesting to read the parts where Eco talks about the importance of being careful when typing your thesis on a typewriter or getting it printed by an editor. These sections made me reflect on how the experience of writing a thesis changes with each new generation.

All in all, this book is an indispensable reading material if you're planning to seriously engage in your final work during your time at university.

Book: 論文作法 : 調査・研究・執筆の技術と手順

Author /Editor: ウンベルト・エコ著 ; 谷口勇訳

Publisher: 而立書房

Call No.: UC813/015

Location: LIB-2F-Gakuetsu

Language: Japanese

*Written by **Fernandez Caro Antonio***

My Hometown: Nanjing (China)

In this column, we introduce the hometowns of our members, giving you a glimpse into their culture and some traveling tips from locals!

Nanjing, my hometown, is a historic city in eastern China. As a former capital of six dynasties in ancient times, it is a city with a rich history, scenic beauty, and unforgettable flavors. Nestled along the Yangtze River, Nanjing is a city worth visiting in all seasons. In spring, cherry blossoms around Jiming Temple look just like pink clouds. In summer, a lotus-viewing boat ride waits for you on Xuanwu Lake. Autumn calls for hiking Qixia mountain's crimson maple valleys. And in winter, plum blossoms with snow at Plum Blossom Hill are like poems.

If I have to pick the best time period to visit Nanjing, I would recommend coming during the Spring Festival, an important festival for Chinese people to celebrate the end of last year and welcome the new year. This is because during the Spring Festival, there is a tradition called the Qinhuai Lantern Festival along the Qinhuai River. Thousands of lanterns made of silk will be placed along the river, which are especially beautiful and lively in the night. Those lanterns have various patterns, such as cute little animals or classic historical stories. Below is a picture I took last year when I returned to my home country for the Chinese New Year and went to the Lantern Festival. This is one of the entrances - the two birds, the four big characters above, and other decorations are all made up of lanterns. During the Lantern Festival, people can enjoy all kinds of lanterns, taste Nanjing snacks, and lately, experience Hanfu, Chinese traditional clothes, which is also popular.

Taking photos in Hanfu with lanterns fits very well with the festive atmosphere of the Chinese New Year.



An entrance to the Qinhuai Lantern Festival

For the traditional foods of Nanjing, I recommend my favorite one – Tangbao (soup dumplings). You can check the picture I took below. These are steamed dumplings with chicken broth inside, which is the essence of Tangbao. Don't swallow the whole Tangbao at once, or you may get burned because it is quite hot inside. When you eat a Tangbao, take a small bite, then sip a little chicken broth to savor it, and finally eat the dumpling. The flavor of the pork with the freshness of the chicken juice is unforgettable. In addition to the basic pork filling, you can also choose other fillings, such as the one with crab meat. In most spots in Nanjing, you'll easily find Tangbao stores.



Tangbao

There is so much more that can be said about Nanjing, with its long history, beautiful scene, and warm atmosphere. I hope you can come and experience it!

* Photos taken by the author

Written by Zhu Mengqi

Book: Cakes and ale ; The painted veil ;
Liza of Lambeth ; The razor's edge ; The-
ater ; The moon and sixpence

Author: W. Somerset Maugham

Publisher: Octopus/Heinemann

Call No.: KS164-21/5

Location: LIB-B1-Stacks-NDLC-
Foreign

Quote of the Month

This section introduces famous quotes from a recommended book from our available selection at the Tohoku University Main Library. The quotes have been meticulously chosen by our Concierge members with the intention of promoting interest in books and providing motivation to our readers. We hope that you will enjoy our selection!

Written by Xiong Jingwen

"I had not yet learnt how contradictory is human nature; I did not know how much pose there is in the sincere, how much baseness in the noble, nor how much goodness in the reprobate."

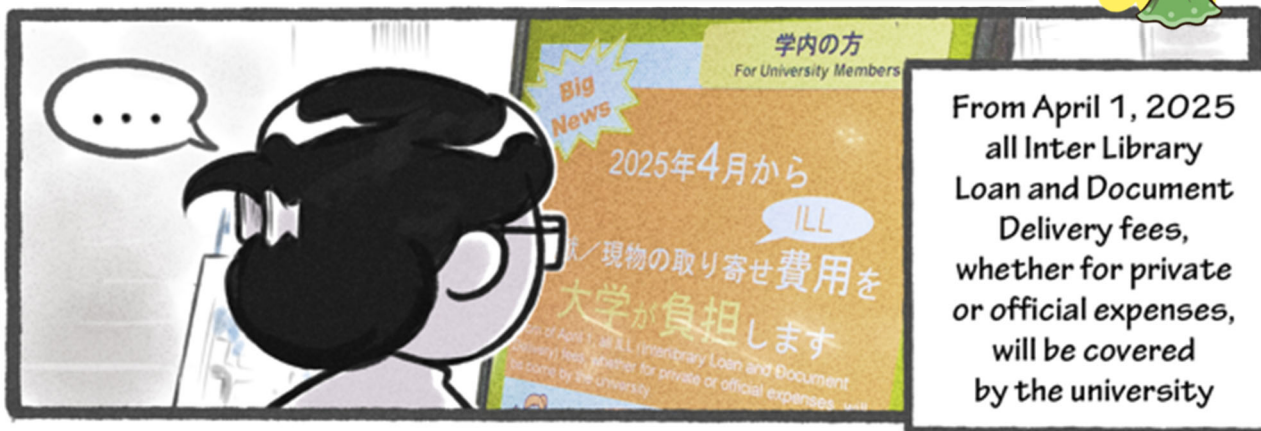
— W. Somerset Maugham, Moon and six pence



Manga Corner

At Manga Corner, you will see scenes that frequently happen to newly enrolled students.

Hi! I am Andhika from Indonesia! I like reading and drawing manga, and I hope you enjoy my short manga.



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Petrovikj Hristina [Editor-in-Chief]



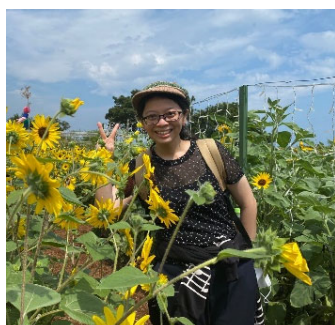
A graduate student from North Macedonia enrolled in the Graduate School of International Cultural Studies. She has many hobbies, some of which include: singing, journaling, travelling, reading, watching movies, and photography. She has lived in 3 different countries so far, travelled across Europe, and is hoping to embark on an Asian tour in the near future. Her secret dream is to be a member of a rock band, but since that has not come true yet, you can often find her in a karaoke booth instead!

Martelli Giachino Maria Laura

Originally from Argentina, she earned her undergraduate degree in Journalism before packing her bags and heading to Japan to pursue her Master's and Doctoral studies in Information Sciences. It's her first time living abroad, so every day brings a mix of exciting discoveries, cultural adventures, and—yes—occasional deadlines-induced little panic attacks. When she's not buried in her research, you'll probably find her soaking in an onsen, singing her heart out at karaoke, or obsessing over cats. She's also a huge fan of drawing, binge-worthy TV shows and movies, NBA games—and she hasn't lost hope of receiving her Hogwarts letter.



Andhika Wijaya



A graduate student from Innovative Japanese Studies Major, who was born and raised in Jakarta, Indonesia. She never had seen snow before she came to Japan, so she's always going 'wakuwaku' when the snow is falling down even though she has to struggle a lot with the cold temperature. She loves drawing, reading comics, travelling to scenic places, enjoying nice music, singing at karaoke, and playing with cute animals. Please don't mind her if she makes strange noises when she saw a photo of cute animals. Aside of those, one of her major passion is enjoying food and making review notes about it.

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