#### **Preface**

## Welcome to Tohoku University!

Tohoku University was founded in 1907 as the third national university, and the Library is one that has largest and diverse collections in Japan. The Library has 3.8 million volumes of books and bound volumes of periodicals, many documents, and the various types of materials. Especially electronic resources such as E-journals and databases are growing in number today.

Recently as the number of foreign students on the Tohoku University campus increases, we would like to reach out to as many non-Japanese students as possible to fulfill our mission further, namely "To provide academic information to all the members of the University."

This guide book mainly explains to focus on the use of tools for natural science. We hope that this guide will be useful as you study and research in Tohoku University.



# Part I Library Information and Service



## 1 To use the Libraries in Tohoku University

## 1.1 Overview of Tohoku University Library

The Tohoku University Library consists of the Main Library and four branch libraries, the Medical Library, the Kita-Aobayama Library, the Engineering Library, and the Agricultural Library. Several departmental libraries also play parts in the University Library.

The University Library supports the educational and research activities of Tohoku University by collecting, organizing, and providing various information resources for researchers, students, and staff. The Library plays an important part in the information infrastructure and a vital role in the dissemination of scholarly information throughout the University. In addition, the Library contributes toward research and cultural activities in the local, national, and international communities.

The Library was founded in 1911 as the Library of Tohoku Imperial University that was the third imperial university founded in 1907. After the Second World War, the University was renamed Tohoku University under the new school system.

The Library has over 3.8 million volumes of books and bound volumes of periodicals, many documents, and materials in microform. Especially a growing number of electronic resources are also subscribed.



Tohoku University Library website

## 1.2 Main Library

The University's largest research collection of humanities and social sciences materials are housed in the Main Library. Therefore, the Main Library is a research library for humanities and social sciences as well as an undergraduate library in the University.

The facility of the Main Library consists of the Main Building (completed in 1972) and the Annex (completed in 1989). The Main Library holds 2.5 million volumes of books and bound volumes of periodicals and 40,000 titles of serials. Books and current serials are housed in the Main Building, while back issues of journals and the rare book collection are housed in the Annex.

## 1.3 Branch Libraries and Departmental Libraries

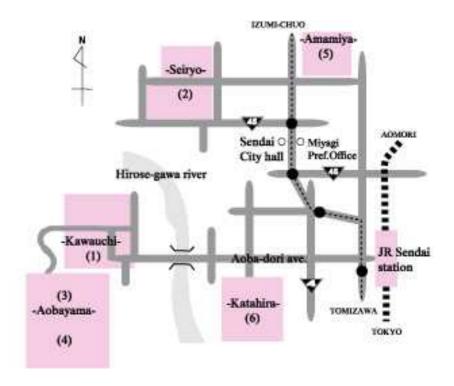
Tohoku University consists of six campuses in Sendai city (at Katahira, Kawauchi, Seiryo, Kitaaobayama, Minamiaobayama and Amamiya). Each campus has its own libraries.

Medical Library (at Seiryo campus), Kita-Aobayama Library (at Kitaaobayama campus), Engineering Library (at Minamiaobayama campus), Agricultural Library (at Amamiya campus) are branch libraries, which provide collections of books, journals and reference materials and so on, specialized in each subjects, and support the academic activities of the affiliated students and staffs mainly. In addition, some faculties and institutions have the departmental library.

For more information, see URL below.

http://www.library.tohoku.ac.jp/guide/guide e.html

#### 1.4 Location of the Libraries



## (1) Main Library

Kawauchi, Aoba-ku, Sendai 981-8576

Phone: 022-795-5911 Fax : 022-795-5909

E-mail: etsu1@library.tohoku.ac.jp

URL: http://www.library.tohoku.ac.jp/top/index-e.html

#### (2) Medical Library

1-1 Seiryo-machi, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8575

Phone: 022-717-7978 Fax: 022-717-7982

E-mail: mlib-u@library.tohoku.ac.jp

URL: http://www.library.tohoku.ac.jp/med/index-e.html

#### (3) Kita-Aobayama Library

Aoba, Aramaki, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8578

Phone: 022-795-6372 Fax: 022-795-3753

E-mail: klib-s@library.tohoku.ac.jp

URL: http://www.library.tohoku.ac.jp/kita/index-e.html

## (4) Engineering Library

Aoba, Aramaki, Aoba-ku, SendaLi 980-8579 Phone: 022-795-4021 Fax: 022-795-5895 E-mail: eng-counter@library.tohoku.ac.jp

URL: http://www.library.tohoku.ac.jp/eng/index-e.html

## (5) Agricultural Library

1-1 Amamiya-machi, Aoba-ku, Sendai 981-8555

Phone: 022-717-8629 Fax: 022-274-2127 E-mail: agr-counter@library.tohoku.ac.jp

URL: http://www.library.tohoku.ac.jp/agr/eng/index-e.html

## 1.5 Library hours

Library	Mon. – Fri.	Sat., Sun. & holidays				
(1) Main Library	8:00 - 22:00	10:00 – 22:00	Different service hours			
Main Library(Annex)	8:45 - 17:00	-	by floor / building or term of examination.			
(2) Medical Library	9:00 - 20:00 (17:00)	-				
(3) Kita-Aobayama Library	9:00 - 20:00 (17:00)	-	24 hours / 7 days available for			
(4) Engineering Library	9:00 - 20:00 (17:00)	-	researcher (ask each library).			
(5) Agricultural Library	9:00 - 20:00 (17:00)	-				
(6) Institute Libraries	ask each library http://www.library.tohoku.ac.jp/guide/helpdesk.html					

- ( ): Closing time during vacations(summer, winter, spring).
- Check each library's website about irregular closing times.

## 1.6 Your contact library(for user registration, etc.)

Faculty to which you belong	Contact library		
Graduate School of Arts and Letters	Main Library		
/ Faculty of Arts and Letters	022-795-5943		
Graduate School of Education			
/ Faculty of Education			
Graduate School of Educational Informatics			
Education Division / Research Division			
Graduate School of Law / School of Law			
Graduate School of Economics and Management /			
Faculty of Economics			
Graduate School of International Cultural Studies			
Other organization in Kawauchi campus			
Graduate School of Medicine / School of Medicine	Medical Library		
Graduate School of Dentistry / School of Dentistry	022-717-7978		
Institute of Development, Aging and cancer			
Graduate School of Science / Faculty of Science	Kita-Aobayama Library		
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences /	022-795-6372		
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences			
Graduate School of Engineering / School of	Engineering Library		
Engineering	022-795-5894		
Graduate School of Information sciences			
Graduate School of Environmental Studies			
Graduate school of Biomedical Engineering			
Graduate School of Agricultural Science / Faculty	Agricultural Library		
of Agriculture	022-717-8629		
Institutes	Institute Library		

<sup>■</sup> For more information, ask the nearest library.

## 1.7 Library card and your ID/PW

You need one of the following cards when you enter library or wish to borrow books.



- The Student / Staff ID card is issued at each faculty office.
- The Yellow Library card is issued at the Library for irregular students, guest researchers, trainees and so on. Ask a library staff of your faculty.

You also need ID and a Password to use the "MyLibrary" service or to access online content outside of the university.

Your ID is number with 10 digit mentioned in above card. All students have their default Password and are able to change it. Staffs and Others have to register their password. Log in site will give you the details.

http://www.library.tohoku.ac.jp/mylibrary/#eng

#### 2 Services

#### 2.1 Outline

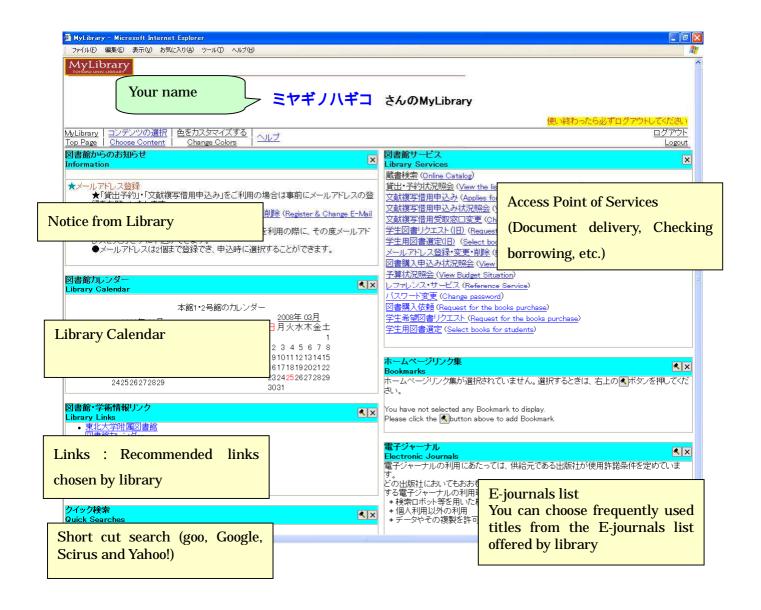
At the Library, you can be provided with various services like "Circulation" "Copying" et al. When you can't come to library buildings, you can get to library services via online "MyLibrary". If you have any question, please ask your library staff.

## 2.2 MyLibrary service (Tohoku University members only)

"MyLibrary" is a service which offers several useful functions. It's like a personal webpage that you can arrange as you like, for example with an E-journal link, library calendar, or links to your favorite web pages. It allows you to see the list of books you are checking out, or the status of your photocopy requests. University members can request photocopies from other library via "MyLibrary" service.

#### **Features**

- Loan reservation / Order "Inter-campus delivery service" through "Online Catalog".
- Confirmation of loan and reservation status.
- Applies for the InterLibrary photocopy/Loan.
- View the list of ordered photocopy/loan.
- Change contact library for photocopy/loan.
- Requests for book purchases. (For Students)
- Selecting books for students. (For Teachers)
- View the list of ordered books.
- Making of the e-journal collection of links what you need.
- Making of the website collection of links that connected with the fields of study.
- Online Reference Service.



MyLibrary For cellular telephone !! http://www.library.tohoku.ac.jp/mobile/





You can
Check Reservation
Extension of borrowing limits
Check Interlibrary Loan status.

#### **2.3 OPAC**

Tohoku University's library catalog is called "the Online Catalog" (or simply "OPAC: Online Public Access Catalog"). It has a simple search and advanced search function. You can search not only the Tohoku University catalog but also other libraries in Japan. The Online Catalog includes all journals in the University, and books acquired since 1987. To search for older books, it's necessary to search for them using the card catalog. Please don't hesitate to ask library staff how to use that.

(See Part II.2)

#### 2.4 Circulation

## 2.4.1 Borrowing

In Tohoku University, each library has different borrowing rules. The number of books that can be borrowed are:

Possession		Status									
		Undergraduate student		Graduate student		Faculty A*		Faculty B*		Staff	
		Number	Period (week)	N	Р	N	Р	N	P	N	Р
Main	Student reading room	5	3	5	3	5	3	5	3	5	3
Library, Main	Books in stacks	5	6	50	6	100	6	50	6	5	6
Building	Special materials**	2	**	5	**	20	**	5	**	5	**
Main Library, Annex (journals)		5	1	5	1	10	1	5	1	5	1
Medical Library		3	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	1
Kita-Aobayama Library		5	2	10	2	10	2	10	2	10	2
Engineering Library		5	2	10	2	10	2	10	2	10	2
Agricultural Library		5	2	10	2	10	2	10	2	10	2

- \* Faculty A ...Professors, associate professors, lecturers, assistant professors, research assistants, etc.
- \* Faculty B ...Part-time faculty, professor emeriti, research fellows, interns, trainees, etc.
- \*\* Special materials in the Main Library include private collection, special (or expensive, valuable) collection, economic-statistics materials, etc. The borrowing period of special materials in individual libraries or massive collections is 6 weeks, while that of materials on economic statistics and international organization is 1 week.

Borrowing limits apply separately to each library. For example, a graduate student can borrow a maximum of 105 items concurrently.

## 2.4.2 Extension of borrowing limits

The borrowing period may be extended if you bring it the Library front desk or via "MyLibrary" before the borrowing period expires. However, the number of extensions is limited (varies with status and materials), so that no prolonged possession is allowed. No extension is permitted if the material is reserved.

#### 2.4.3 Return

Borrowed materials must be returned to the library within the borrowing period. It is not required to produce a User Card. You can return materials to different library from borrowed. At Main Library you maybe penalized according to the delay.

## 2.4.4 Inter-Campus Delivery Service

If you find a book you want to read at other campus' library in Tohoku University, you can reserve & order it to deliver to your nearest library. Order from OPAC inside of "MyLibrary" service. You can receive the ordering book at the library most convenient for you.

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Participating libraries	Number	Period (day)	
Main Library, Main	5	14	
Medical Library	2	7	
Kita-Aobayama Library	5	14	
Engineering Library	5	14	
Agricultural Library	5	14	
Institute for Materials Research Library	5	14	
Institute of Fluid Science Library	5	7	
Library of Institute of Multidisciplinary Research for Advanced Materials	2	7	
Law School Library	Cannot be checked out.		

## 2.5 Photocopy

It's possible to make photocopies yourself with the copy machine in the library. Payment by cash or coop prepaid copy card (coop card) is acceptable. You can purchase a coop card in the library or the coop shop.

Pay attention to copyright!

All works (include novels, articles, computer programs, websites etc. ) have their own copyrights.

 $(1) Reproductions \ of \ library \ materials \ are \ permitted \ in \ following \ cases.$ 

To make a single copy for personal researchable use.

To copy less than 50% pages of a book.

To copy a full article from a back issue of a periodical.

(2)Quotation

Quotations must be clearly separated from your own writings. Show references for quotations.

■ For more information, ask the

Copyright Research and Information Center (CRIC)

http://www.cric.or.jp/cric\_e/index.html

## 2.6 Interlibrary Loan

If you can not find the material you need within Tohoku University, you can request photocopy/book from another library. For further information about this procedure, see URL below or ask your library staff.

■ General Service Guide(for current students and staff)
http://www.library.tohoku.ac.jp/guide/guide\_gakunai e.html

You can pay for this service with your laboratories budget or privately with cash. To use the laboratories budget, your professor's permission is needed.

#### (1) Via online

- from Tohoku University Library Webpage "MyLibrary"
- from "Online Catalog" (inside of "MyLibrary")

#### (2) At the reference desk

	Charge	Payment	Time required		
Interlibrary Photocopy	specified by each organization (In many cases, ¥35-60 per sheet)	research budget or private expense	approximately 4-10days		
Interlibrary Loan	the round-trip delivery cost ( details are specified by each organization )	research budget or private expense	approximately 4-10days  *Checkout-period is specified by each organization		

<sup>\*</sup> You may visit the institution that holds the material. For more information, ask a librarian at the reference desk.