

How to find Kokusho

- Early Japanese books printed before the Edo period -

When searching for early Japanese books printed/hand-copied before 1868, it is necessary to use some special search tools.

1. "Kokusho" is:

An early Japanese book (not including Chinese classics or Buddhist scriptures) printed or hand-copied in Japan. Actually, some materials written before 1868 cannot be searched through KULINE, so it is necessary to use some special search tools when searching for such materials.

2. Tools for searching "Kokusho"

● I would like to know how to read the title.

国書読み方辞典 Kokusho Yomikata Jiten 植月博編 (おうふう) 1996	Main	1F/Reference	UP 3 □ 5	This is a dictionary for checking how to read the title. It provides two indices arranged by strokes number and phonetic order.
	Jinkan	1F/Reference	025.1 K 7	
	Letters	Reading Room /R15	025 1	

● I would like to know the contents.

国書解題(増訂改版) Kokusho Kaidai 佐村八郎編 (東出版) 1926	Main	B2/Stacks	4-49 □ 1 14	This is a basic dictionary to search for overviews of books.
	Jimbun	3F/Japanese Books	025.1 S-163	
	*Other copies are held in Letters, Law and so on.			

● I would like to search books.

国書総目録(補訂版) Kokusho Somokuroku (岩波書店) 1989	Main	1F/Reference	UP 3 □ 2	This is a basic catalog for research. It indicates type of binding and contents, year of publication, type of book (hand-written or printed), as well as location of republication / reproduction.
	Jinkan	1F/Reference	025.1 K 1	
	Letters	Reading Room /R15	Bh 5A	
*Other copies are held in Law, Jimbun and so on.				
古典籍総合目録 Nihon Kotenseki Sogo Mokuoku 国文学研究資料館編 (岩波書店) 1990	Main	1F/Reference	UP 3 □ 3	This is the expanded edition of the Kokusho Somokuroku. Please refer to both editions.
	Jinkan	1F/Reference	025.1 K 3	
	Letters	Reading Room /R15	Bh 5B 1	
*Other copies are held in Law, Jimbun and so on.				
古典籍総合目録 Database Nihon Kotenseki Sogo Mokuoku (国文学研究資料館作成)	http://base1.nijl.ac.jp/tkoten/about.html			This is a database of early Japanese books, which provides bibliographic and authoritative information, as well as holding institutions.

● I would like to search for republication or reproduction of early Japanese books.

国文学複製翻刻書目総覧 Kokubungaku Fukusei Honkoku Shomoku Soran (正・続) 市古貞次, 大曾根章介編 (日本古典文学会, 貴重本刊行会) 1982, 1989	Letters	Japanese Lit.	Bb 62	This is a union catalog of republications or reproductions, which have been edited by Japanese scholars before 1868 regarding Japanese literature. Coverage: Materials published between 1945 and 1986.
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“国書総目録(Kokusho Somokuroku)” is a basic tool for searching early Japanese books. It is a union catalog of books edited by Japanese scholars before until 1867, capable of checking holding institutions. First, let's try this catalog.

Please note that not all early Japanese books are included in “Kokusho Somokuroku”.

When the materials you are looking for cannot be found in “Kokusho Somokuroku”, please feel free to consult librarians at the reference desk.

Not all the Kokusho held by Kyoto University are catalogued in “Kokusho Somokuroku”, therefore, it may be necessary to check the “Kyoto University Union Card Catalog” when searching Kokusho in Kyoto University.

When searching republications or reproductions instead of the original materials, please check KULINE, or “Kokubungaku Fukusei Honkoku Shomoku Soran”, and “Kokusho Somokuroku”.

3 . How to find Kokusho held by Kyoto University

Kyoto University has a lot of Kokusho. Some Kokusho are designated as special collections. Very few of them can be searched through KULINE. Please use the following search tools when searching materials held by Kyoto University.

- “Kyoto University Union Card Catalog” (Main Library, 1st floor.)

It is possible to search almost all the materials in Kyoto University by using the “Kyoto University Union Card Catalog”. First, check the card catalog to see which library in Kyoto University holds the materials.

When you have found the card, please take a note of **the library**, **the register number**, as well as **the call number**, and then visit the holding library.

For further information regarding how to search the card catalog, please refer to “Card catalog (under preparation)” of the Reference Guide.

- “Kyoto University Digital Library, Rare Materials Exhibition”

(<http://eddb.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/exhibit/index.html>)

Kyoto University has some collections, including a lot of Kokusho. Some catalogs can be searched through “Kyoto University Digital Library”. Some digital images of materials can be viewed.

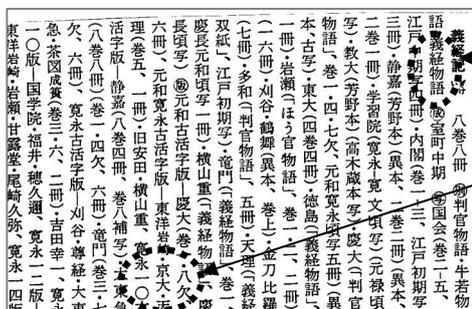
You can view the images of 義経記 (Gikeiki) at the Rare Materials Exhibition of Kyoto University Digital Library

Example

Search for 義経物語 (Yoshitsune Monogatari)

. Consulting 国書総目録 (Kokusho Somokuroku)

When you consult the entry of 義経物語 (Yoshitsune Monogatari), you will see “See entry on 義経記 (Gikeiki)”. So, when you see the entry on 義経記 (Gikeiki)...



義経物語 (Yoshitsune Monogatari) is written **別称 (Another Title)**. You will see that Kyoto University does not hold a manuscript, but a old printed edition (和寛永古活字版).

However, it is impossible to locate the materials in Kyoto University libraries.

In this case, please check the “Kyoto University Union Card Catalog”.



Tips

Some Kokusho have a **different name (another name or another title)**, and some Kokusho have a “**Kansho**” (**Tsunogaki = subtitle**) before the title. Therefore, careful attention is required when searching “Kokusho Somokuroku” or “Kyoto University Card Catalog.” Especially, please be sure to search “Kyoto University Card Catalog” when searching by the formal title, another title, or subtitle. When it is not possible to find materials, please confirm the formal title, another title, and subtitle by **the database “Nihon Kotenseki Sogo Mokuroku”** and search using these other titles.

. Checking the “Kyoto University Union Card Catalog”.

When consulting the “Kyoto University Union Card Catalog” for 義経記 (Gikeiki), you will find a number of cards.



This is the **Call No.** Please write it down.

This is the **Registration Number.**

“國文” indicates Japanese Literature Laboratory. Please consult the Letters Library.

Please visit the holding library with the information from these cards.

4 . How to use materials

The policy of usage of Kokusho depends on the holding institutions. Please ask the holding institution about the rules of usage. Please refer to the “Main Library website : [図書館利用の配置と利用 : 貴重図書の見学 \(Use and layout of the library : Viewing rare materials\)](http://www3.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/guide/jpn/g050j.html#P3)” (<http://www3.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/guide/jpn/g050j.html#P3>) concerning rare materials and special collections held in Kyoto University Main Library.

Please feel free to consult librarians at the Reference Section in the Main Library. (E-mail : ref@kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp)