Chronology of the Main Library and Library Network

Meiji Era
1897 Kyoto Imperial University established; Kyoto Imperial University Library set up
1899 Reading Room opened (December 11; now taken as the anniversary of the founding of the Library)
1908 University Library Board Regulations enacted

Showa Era
1947 Name changed to Kyoto University Library
1948 First rebuilding of Kyoto University Library completed
1961 Sixty Years of the Kyoto University Library published
1964 Library bulletin Sekku begins publication
1983 The third (current) building of Kyoto University Library completed
1984 Library database introduced (start of computerized library services)
1985 BNC (Back Number Center) opened

Research Room founded in Kyoto University Library

Joined NACSIS-CAT (National Institute of Informatics online cataloging system)

1987 Kyoto University Library designated a member of NCOP (National Center for Overseas Periodicals) for Science and Technology

Heisei Era
1990 OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) began operations
1992 Joined NACSIS-ILL (National Institute of Informatics interlibrary loan system)
1996 Research and Development Laboratory (R&D Lab) set up in Kyoto University Library (formerly Research Room)

Oldest extant copy of the Konjaku monogatari-shu (Suzuka-bon) designated a National Treasure
1998 E-Library system began operations
Liberal Arts and General Education Course “Introduction to Information Retrieval” (offered by Kyoto University Library) began (continues to present day)
1999 Celebrations for centenary of the founding of Kyoto University Library
2000 Kyoto University Uji Library launched
2004 Kyoto University Library Network Board founded
2005 “Rules and Regulations Relating to Functions of Kyoto University Libraries” enacted
2006 Inter-campus Delivery Service started
KURENAI (Kyoto University Research Information Repository) trial began in June (officially launched in October)
2007 E-journals and database authentication system trial began in March (officially launched in April)
Kyoto University Library Network Mission Statement enacted
2008 Costs for e-journals transferred from budgets of individual departmental libraries to centralized management by Kyoto University
2009 Full-time Associate Professor assigned to the R&D Lab
Study Room 24 set up in Kyoto University Library
Inter-campus Return Service initiated

Future Vision of Kyoto University Library Network approved
2011 Kyoto University Library Network Rules and Regulations enacted
Library’s Liberal Arts and General Education Course (course offered since 1998; see above) renamed from “Introduction to Information Retrieval” to “Introduction to Academic Information Literacy – Information Skills for Library and Web Resources”
Electronic Document Delivery Service (EDDS) launched on a trial basis in October (officially launched in April 2014)

2014 Learning Commons and other support initiatives set up in Kyoto University Library
2015 Academic Cooperation Agreements signed with Korea University’s Research Institute of Korean Studies and Kyoto University’s Institute for Research in Humanities in relation to the ancient Korean documents held by the Kyoto University Library (until June 2018)

Media Commons and Study Room 24 upgraded at the Main Library
Kyoto University Library Open Access Policy approved
Library’s Liberal Arts and General Education Course renamed from “Introduction to Academic Information Literacy – Information Skills for Library and Web Resources” to “University Library Data Searching”

“Future Vision of Kyoto University Library Network” (tentative)
2016 Administrative structure of the Main Library reorganized

“Project for Promoting Open Access” launched as part of the third medium-term Action Plan for Strategic Priorities (Academic Year 2016-2022)

“Restoration and Digitization of the Fujikawa Collection” project (selected by MEXT for budget request) implemented

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