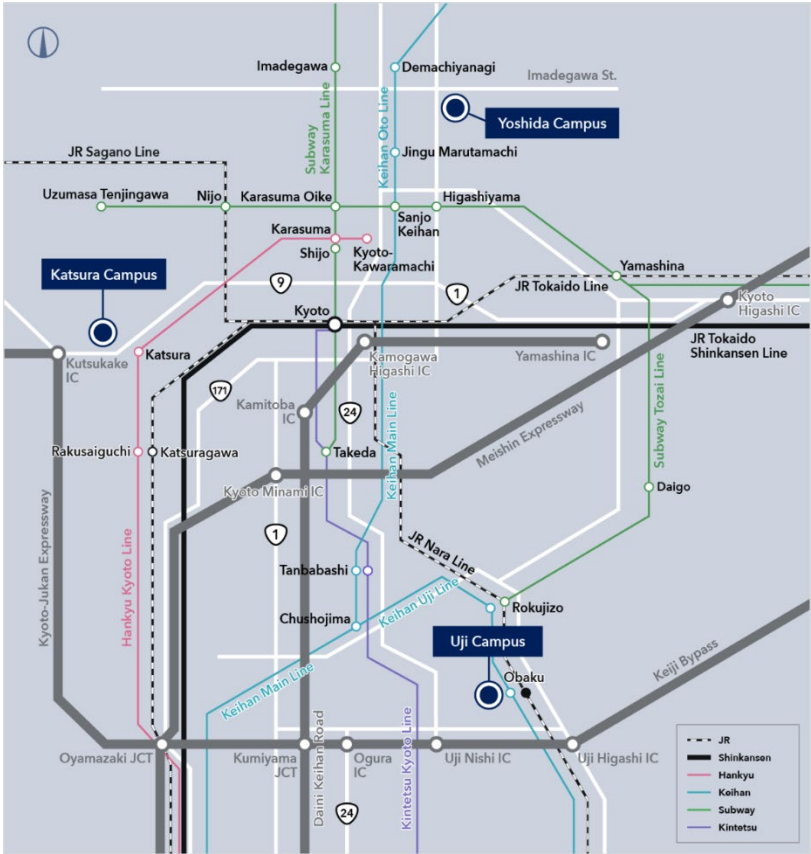


Kyoto University Libraries



Katsura Campus
【Area-Focus Hub Library】 Katsura Library

Uji Campus
Uji Library

Others
RNS
ICL [Inuyama]
CER
FSERC Seto

Yoshida Campus
Main Campus
【General Library】 Main Library
Letters
Education
Law
Economics
Engineering North
Engineering South
IRH [Jim bun]
Energy
Informatics
GES
KIER
ASAFAS (Asia)

North Campus
Science (Common)
Science
Mathematics / Physics / Astronomy
Earth / Chemistry / Biology
Agriculture
Agr. Nat. Res. Econ
FSERC Forest
CIH [Jinse]
YITP [Yukawa]
RIMS

Yoshida-South Campus
【Area-Focus Hub Library】
Yoshida-South Library

**Medicine/Pharmaceutical Sciences/
University Hospital Campus**
Medical
Med. Health Sci.
Pharmacy
ASAFAS (Africa)
CSEAS



Kyoto University Library Network



(Top) the Main Library (Left) Katsura Library (Right) Yoshida-South Library

Functions

The Library Network is a university-wide organization aiming to develop infrastructure for academic research at Kyoto University, to promote and support university-wide projects, and to carry out other issues related to all the departments and organizations of the university. It is composed of individual libraries categorized into the following three functions: General Library, Area-Focus Hub Library, and Special Library. The function of the Library Network is being realized through the enhancement of each library's specific function and coordination and collaboration between them.

More Information



Kyoto University
Library Network
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<https://www.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/?lang=en>



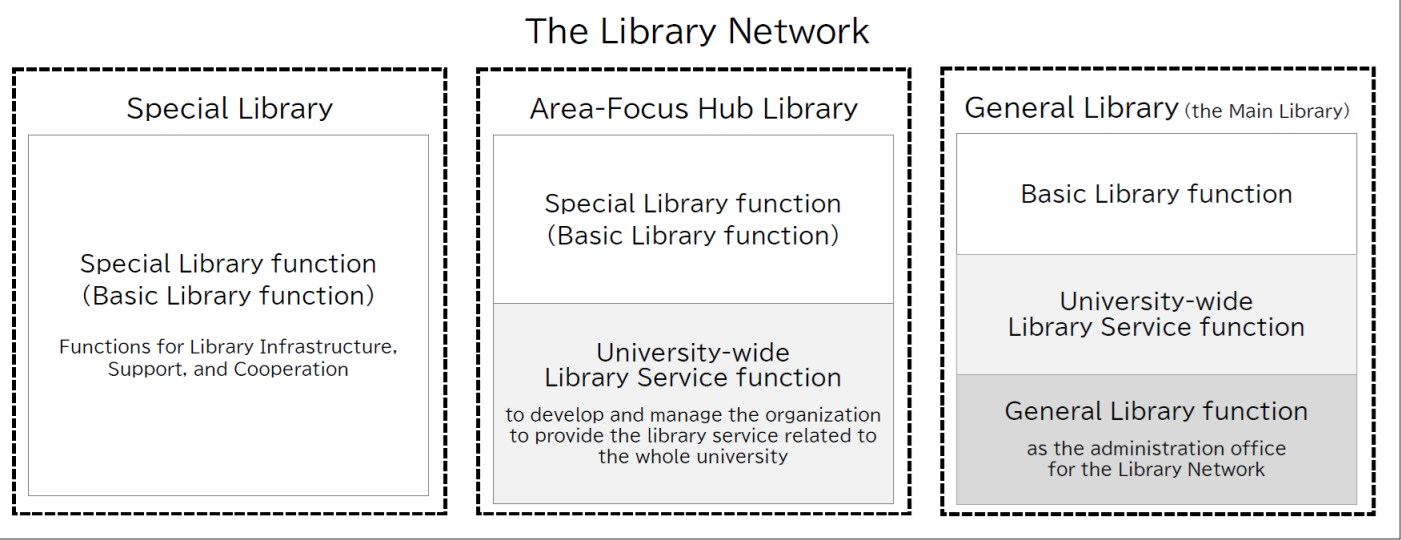
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Mission Statement and Goals

The Kyoto University Library Network’s mission is to provide first-rate academic and information infrastructure that is consistent with our university’s mission statement and, as well, worthy of an educational and research center that ranks as one of the highest in the world. The Library Network collects, classifies and preserves academic information resources and newly created intellectual knowledge, the intellectual property of humankind, disseminates related information, and constantly develops and offers the highest-quality and most advanced information service possible. The end goal is to support the teaching and research objectives of the university and to contribute to the academic community at large, both in Japan and internationally, now and in the future.

In pursuit of the above-mentioned purposes, the Kyoto University Library Network endeavors to realize the following specific goals:

- 1. To place maximum priority on understanding, and responding to, the needs of students and faculty in order to ensure that all the libraries of the Kyoto University Library Network are able to provide support for teaching and research in a thorough and effective manner;
- 2. To select and collect appropriate materials and resources, to classify them and, using appropriate research and development, to strive to always make them readily accessible, in order to develop the university’s library collections and information services as part of its academic information infrastructure;
- 3. To preserve and disseminate the outstanding, world-ranking intellectual achievements that are produced regularly at Kyoto University;
- 4. To develop and maintain frameworks for the preservation and management of the various kinds of human intellectual property that are in Kyoto University’s possession so as to ensure their accessibility now and in the future;
- 5. To build high-quality user support systems that are helpful in making the best use of academic information;
- 6. To enhance the skills and commitment of all library staff members and improve library facilities and equipment to help users utilize academic information in an effective and pleasant environment;
- 7. To strengthen the partnerships both between the libraries of the Kyoto University Library Network and with related departments and organizations in the university, and
- 8. To coordinate and collaborate with other libraries both in Japan and abroad and to contribute to our localities and society at large.

History

1897	Jun	Kyoto Imperial University established, the Kyoto Imperial University Library set up
1984	Apr	Computerization of the library service management started
1996	Apr	The Research Room reorganized to the Research and Development Laboratory
1996	Jun	The oldest extant copy of <i>Konjaku monogatari-shu</i> (<i>Suzuka-bon</i>) designated a national treasure
2005	Apr	The Kyoto University Library Network established
2006	Jun	The Kyoto University Research Information Repository KURENAI launched on a trial basis (officially started in Oct)
2009	Nov	<i>The Kyoto University Library Network Future Vision and Strategy</i> approved
2014	Apr	The Learning Commons set up at the Main Library
2015	Apr	The Kyoto University Open Access Policy approved
2017	May	Yoshida-South Library designated as an Area-Focus Hub Library
	Sep	The Kyoto University Rare Materials Digital Archive launched on a trial basis (officially started in Dec)
2018	Feb	Katsura Library designated as an Area-Focus Hub Library
2020	Feb	<i>The Kyoto University Library Net work Future Vision and Strategy 2020-2027</i> approved
2024	Apr	The collaboration with Center for Open Science and Data Management of IIMC started



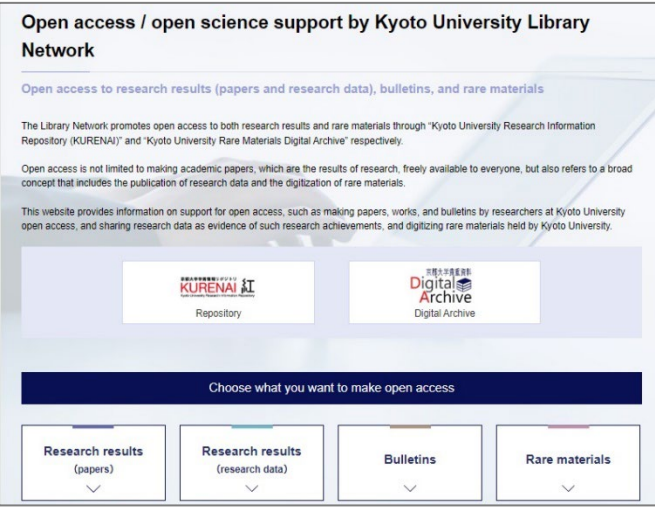
Promotion of Open Access and Research Support

The Library Network promotes open access to both research results and rare materials through “Kyoto University Research Information Repository (KURENAI)” and “Kyoto University Rare Materials Digital Archive” respectively.

Kyoto University adopted the Kyoto University Open Access Policy in April 2015, and formulated the Kyoto University Policy on Research Data Management and Sharing in March 2020.

From FY2024, the Library Network, the Institute for Information Management and Communication (IIMC), and Research Administration Center (KURA) are collaborating to provide research support in accordance with the research lifecycle. One of their initiatives includes operating a centralized point of contact, offering assistance to researchers with inquiries related to research data management.

https://www.kulib.kyoto-u.ac.jp/content0/1388199?lang=en



Support for Study and Education

The Library Network YouTube channel was launched in September 2023. We are building a system in which we will widely release seminar videos and other materials and create contents through collaboration among campus libraries.

https://www.youtube.com/@kulibrarynetwork



Major Collections

The Library Network has many rare books such as *Konjaku monogatari-shu* (*Suzuka-bon*), a national treasure. Some of them have been digitized and publicized in Kyoto University Rare Materials Digital Archive.



Hachikatsuki (Yoshida-South Library)



Neue Zeyttung auss der Insel Japonien (the Main Library)



Flora Japonica (Science)