

## Live far away from the library?

No problem! We offer lending services at **community halls**. For more information, please inquire at your local community hall. In addition, we also offer lending services at select assembly hall **community libraries**, as well as anywhere the **Tomohato-gō** Mobile Library goes. For more information, please inquire at the Central Library.

## For those with physical disabilities

- The Central and Children's Libraries offer **book mailing services** for those with physical disabilities. Note that this service is limited to those who reside/work/go to school in Hiroshima City, who have one of the following: (a) Physical Disability Certificate (Class 1-4), (b) Special Needs Certificate (A) or A, or (c) Mental Disability Certificate (Class 1-2).
- City libraries offer **mailing services for books on cassette and DAISY books**, as well as lending **services for DAISY book players** for those with vision impairments who reside/work/go to school in Hiroshima City.
- City libraries offer reading services (by reservation only; excluding the Saeki Ward Library Yuki-Kōno Reading Room, the Hiroshima City Manga Library, and the Hiroshima City Manga Library Asa Reading Room). The library is also equipped with image-enlarging systems for public use.

## Events and more

Various events such as **book readings**, **seminars**, and **exhibits** are held at city libraries throughout the year. Event information is posted on the Hiroshima City Libraries website; printed fliers are also available.

## Copy services

Copy services are available in accordance with the Copyright Act (some fees apply).

## Research and book reservation

- Feel free to consult with us about anything you'd like to know or research. We'd be happy to help you find the materials and information you're looking for.
- You can search for books using the computer terminals in the library, or your home computer, smartphone/mobile phone.
- You can also reserve books and materials in our collection (**20 books maximum per person**). To pick up reservations, please bring the Library Card of the person who made the reservation to the library.
- We also accept **requests** for books that are not in our collection. Please inquire at your local library for more information (note: we may not be able to acquire all requested books).
- We may also be able to send for materials from libraries across Japan using the interlibrary loan system; please inquire for more details.

## Library Hours

### Central and Ward Libraries

**Tuesday-Friday:** 9 am-7 pm  
**Weekends and National Holidays:** 9 am-5 pm  
**Peace Memorial Day (August 6):** 9 am-5 pm

Note: the Central Library will be open from 9 am-6 pm on weekends and national holidays in July and August, including August 6.

### Children's Library

9 am-5 pm

### Saeki Ward Library Yuki-Kōno Reading Room (Yamayuri Hall)

**Tuesday-Friday:** 9 am-6 pm  
**Weekends and National Holidays:** 10 am-5 pm  
**Peace Memorial Day (August 6):** 10 am-5 pm

### Manga Library (Including Asa Reading Room)

10 am-5 pm

## Closing Information

**Every Monday** (library will remain open if August 6 or national holidays fall on a Monday)

**The day following national holidays** (if this falls on a weekend, Monday, or national holiday, the library will be closed the next business day)

**Library inventory days** (the last day of odd-numbered months; should that day fall on a weekend or Monday, inventory day shall be the last Friday of the month)

**New Years Holidays** (December 29-January 4; if January 4 falls on a Monday, the library shall be closed until January 5)

**Special Inventory Period** (within 7 days in the period from April 1 to March 31 of the next year)

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Fax: 082-222-5545

## Guide to Hiroshima City Libraries

A brief introduction to the libraries and library services available in Hiroshima City



## Hiroshima City Libraries

Website

[www.library.city.hiroshima.jp/](http://www.library.city.hiroshima.jp/)

Smartphone site

[www.library.city.hiroshima.jp/sp/](http://www.library.city.hiroshima.jp/sp/)

Mobile site

[www.library.city.hiroshima.jp/m/](http://www.library.city.hiroshima.jp/m/)

Library books are public property; please treat them kindly.

## Borrowing our library books

- Those who reside/work/go to school in Hiroshima City, and those who live in the Hiroshima Regional Urban Area (HRUA)\* are eligible for a **Library Card** to take out books. When applying for or renewing your Library Card, you will need a form of ID that verifies your name and address (Driver's License, Health Insurance Card, School ID, etc).
- Those who live in HRUA are free to use **municipal libraries and town libraries inside of HRUA**. For more information, please inquire at the relevant library.

\*HRUA: Hiroshima City, Kure City, Takehara City, Mihara City, Otake City, Higashi-Hiroshima City, Hatsukaichi City, Aki-Takata City, Etajima City, Fuchū Town, Kaita Town, Kumano Town, Saka Town, Aki-Ōta Town, Kita-Hiroshima Town, Ōsaki-Kamijima Town, Sera Town, Iwakuni City, Yanai City, Suō-Ōshima Town, Waki Town, Kaminoseki Town, Tabuse Town, Hirao Town

- Your Library Card may be used at any Hiroshima City library with a limit of borrowing a **total of 10 books maximum for up to two weeks** across all libraries.
- Cards will be issued to individuals; members of your family cannot use your card, however in extenuating circumstances, such as hospitalization, where it is not possible to visit the library, it is possible to borrow books via proxy.
- We also have a **group lending** system whereby groups can borrow 50 books for one month.
- **A book delivery service** (borrower must bear delivery fees) is also available. For details, please inquire at the Central Library.

## Returning our library books

- Library books can be returned to any Hiroshima City library.
- Return your books to the **Return Counter** (no library card necessary).
- If the library is closed, place your books in the **book drop box**.
- When returning books to your community hall, please keep in mind that it may take a few days to process your return. Be sure to read the **notice regarding community hall return box usage** posted in your local community hall.
- You can also return books to the **Hiroshima City University Library** (collection day is Thursday).
- Books may also be returned to **Aeon Mall Gion or Fukuya Department Store (Hiroshima Station location) (inside Junkudo Bookstore (10F))**. Books will be collected every day except for when the library is closed.

Note: when returning books to places other than Hiroshima City libraries, be aware that it may take a few days to process your return.

## Central Library

As the central library for all libraries in Hiroshima City, we provide much more than just material collection and preservation: we also offer viewing services, lending services, reference services (research/consultation on topics using the specialty materials and the internet), and business support services (including business consultations and seminars). We also offer a Hiroshima Information Room, home to a collection of local information (including local history and government), journals by those struggling with illnesses, multicultural service counter, as well as special book-related exhibits throughout the year in the 2nd floor Exhibit Hall.

## Special Collections

### The Asano Collection

Rare materials such as a collection of ancient Japanese and Chinese books donated by the descendants of the Asano family, the former feudal rulers of the Hiroshima Domain, including illustrations of castle town Hiroshima, maps of ancient castles across Japan, *Journey to the West*, and more.

### Hiroshima Literature Collection

A collection of first editions, magazines, handwritten manuscripts and more from authors with ties to Hiroshima, including a first edition of *Akai Tori*, a magazine of children's stories and songs created by Hiroshima-born pioneer of the children's culture movement, Miekichi Suzuki. All materials are displayed in the 3rd floor Hiroshima Literature Collection Room. A digital archive of five Hiroshima authors, including Miekichi Suzuki, Tamiki Hara, and Sankichi Tōge, are available online on our website.

### Atomic Bomb Literature Collection

As a library located in Hiroshima, the site of the first atomic bombing, we have a wide collection of materials regarding the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to pass down the legacy of the bombings to future generations and to contribute to raising peace awareness.

### United Nations Depository Library

The City of Hiroshima is designated as a United Nations Depository Library, serving the Chugoku/Shikoku region with access to official records and United Nations Secretariat publications in English.

## Children's Library

As the central library for children, we collect/preserve materials, as well as offer viewing, lending, reference services (research/consultation), and school library support services. We serve as a bridge between children and books, offering events such as story hours, book clubs, and seminars, in addition to issuing recommended book lists for children of various ages.

We also offer the following:

- Local Author Section
- Atomic Bombing Section
- Children's Culture Section
- Learning Materials Section
- Picture Books in Foreign Languages Section
- Picture Books for Babies and Toddlers Section

## Ward Libraries

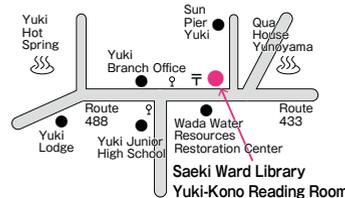
Ward libraries offer viewing and lending services, as well as regular scheduled events such as story hours, book clubs, and seminars. Each ward library is also home to unique sections of selected books.

## Manga Library

This library is dedicated entirely to manga (comic books) and primarily includes manga from around the 12th Century in the Heian Period (*Scrolls of Frolicking Animals*) to the present, as well as materials for manga research. In addition to their viewing and lending services, you can also enjoy reading manga under the trees outside or on the benches in the surrounding area.

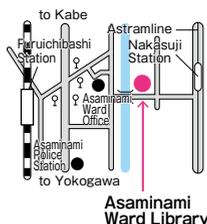
### 11 Saeki Ward Library Yuki-Kōno Reading Room (Yamayuri Hall)

353-1 Oaza Wada, Yuki-cho, Saeki-ku 738-0601  
Tel : 0829-40-4005  
Fax: 0829-83-0134  
600 meters from the Ohashi (Yuki Shucchōjō-mae) bus stop



### 7 Asaminami Ward Library

1-22-17 Nakasuji, Asaminami-ku 731-0122  
(Inside the Asaminami Ward Community Cultural Center Bldg)  
Tel : 082-879-5060  
Fax: 082-879-8536  
600 meters from the Shimo-Furuichi bus stop 200 meters from Astramline Nakasuji Station



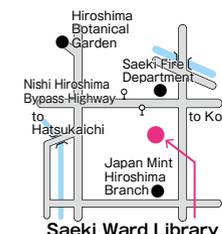
### 13 Manga Library Asa Reading Room

2-30-15 Kamiyasu, Asaminami-ku 731-0154  
Kamiyasu Bus Terminal 3F  
Tel : 082-830-3675  
Fax: 082-830-3676  
Right next to the: Astramline Kamiyasu Station Kamiyasu Bus Terminal



### 10 Saeki Ward Library

6-1-10 Itsukaichi-chuo, Saeki-ku 731-5128  
(Inside the Saeki Ward Community Cultural Center Bldg)  
Tel : 082-921-7560  
Fax: 082-924-0742  
300 meters from the Community Cultural Center bus stop



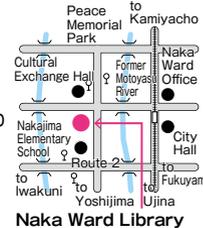
### 6 Nishi Ward Library

6-1 Yokogawa-shin-machi, Nishi-ku 733-0013  
(Inside the Nishi Ward Community Cultural Center Bldg)  
Tel : 082-234-1970  
Fax: 082-295-9287  
300 meters from JR Yokogawa Station



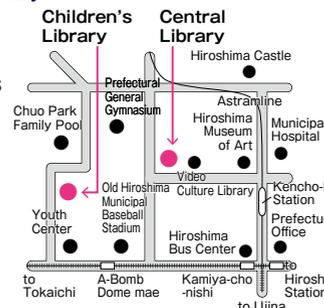
### 3 Naka Ward Library

4-17 Kako-machi, Naka-ku 730-0812 (Aster Plaza 2F)  
Tel : 082-248-9300  
Fax: 082-247-8447  
200 meters from Kako-machi bus stop



### 2 Children's Library

5-83 Moto-machi, Naka-ku 730-0011 (Inside the Children's Museum Bldg)  
Tel : 082-221-6755  
Fax: 082-222-7020  
300 meters from the Genbaku Dome-mae streetcar stop

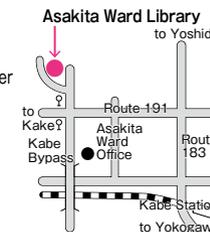


### 1 Central Library

3-1 Moto-machi, Naka-ku 730-0011 (Inside the Cinematographic and Audio-Visual Library Bldg)  
Tel : 082-222-5542  
082-222-6440  
(For book inquiries/consultations)  
Fax: 082-222-5545  
500 meters from Hiroshima Bus Center  
400 meters from Astramline Kencho-mae Station

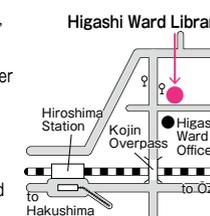
### 8 Asakita Ward Library

7-28-25 Kabe, Asakita-ku 731-0221  
(Inside the Asakita Ward Community Cultural Center Bldg)  
Tel : 082-814-0340  
Fax: 082-814-0604  
500 meters from the Community Cultural Center Iriguchi bus stop



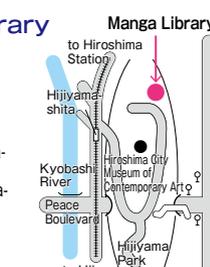
### 4 Higashi Ward Library

10-31 Higashi-kaniya-cho, Higashi-ku 732-0055 (Inside the Higashi Ward Community Cultural Center Bldg)  
Tel : 082-262-5522  
Fax: 082-264-2610  
900 meters from JR Hiroshima Station right by the Higashi Ward Office bus stop



### 12 Manga Library

1-4 Hijiyama-koen, Minami-ku 732-0815  
Tel : 082-261-0330  
Fax: 082-262-5406  
800 meters from Hijiyama-shita streetcar stop  
900 meters from Dambara-chuo bus stop



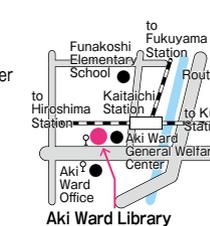
### 5 Minami Ward Library

16-27 Hijiyama-hon-machi, Minami-ku 732-0816 (Inside the Minami Ward Community Cultural Center Bldg)  
Tel : 082-251-1080  
Fax: 082-252-4120  
100 meters from the Minami Ward Office bus stop  
200 meters from the Minami Ward Office streetcar stop



### 9 Aki Ward Library

3-2-16 Funakoshi-minami, Aki-ku 736-8508 (Inside the Aki Ward Community Cultural Center Bldg)  
Tel : 082-824-1056  
Fax: 082-824-1057  
400 meters from JR Kaitaichi Station  
Right by the Funakoshi-cho/Aki Ward Office bus stop

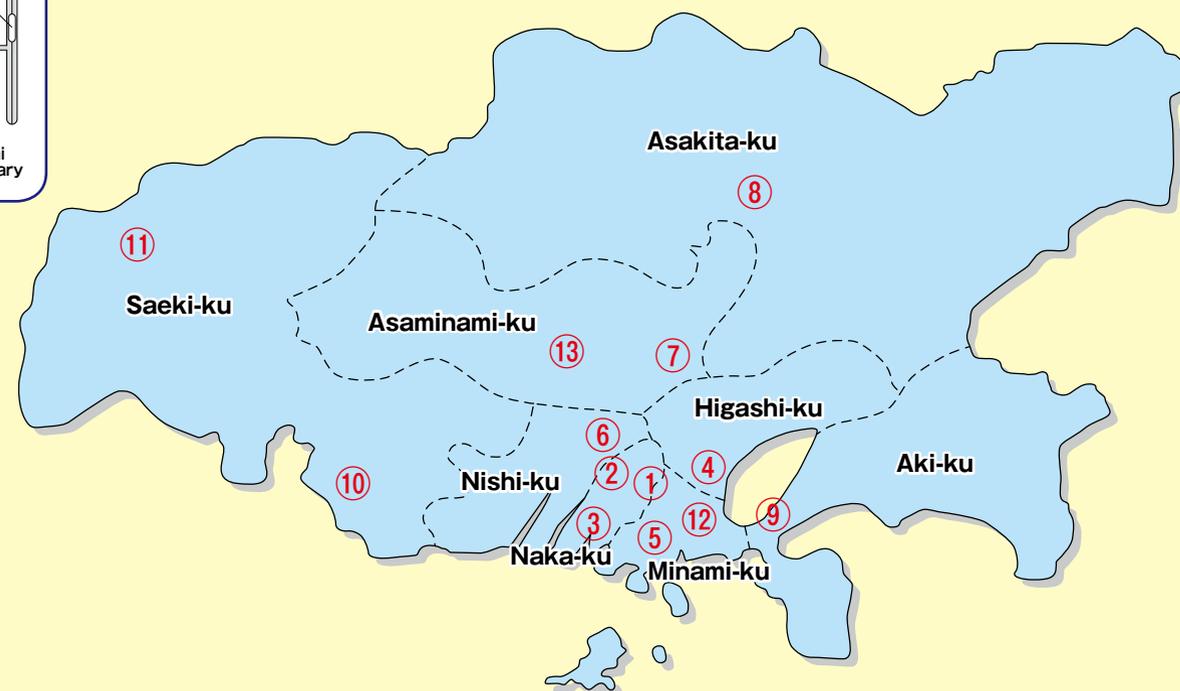


# Map of Hiroshima City Libraries

Search for and reserve your library books anywhere, anytime with our online reservation system!

Apply for your online reservation system password at your local library.

You can also request that books be sent to your local library from other branches; inquire at your library for more details.



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