For library services closer to home...

We have several services, including the Tomohatogo Mobile Library and local reading facilities, such as community hall libraries and local collections, to bring our library services closer to you. We invite anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Hiroshima City to make use of them.

For these facilities, we ask that you return materials to the same location from which you borrowed them.

For disabled citizens...

The Central Library and Children's Library offer a books-by-mail service to Hiroshima residents and commuters with a physically disabled person's handbook, grades 1 through 4 or a mental disabilities handbook, grade 5 or A.

The Central Library and Children's Library offer a talking books-by-mail service for vision-impaired citizens. This service is restricted to holders of a disabled person's handbook (vision impairment designation) who work, study or live in Hiroshima City.

Hiroshima City Libraries offer a reading service by reservation. (Excluding Hiroshima City Saeki Ward Library Yuki-Kono Reading Room, Hiroshima City Manga Library, and Hiroshima City Library Yuki-Kono Reading Room)

For enjoyment...

Each library has popular events such as book clubs and story hour. Please feel free to come and join us.

For copy services...

Library material may be copied provided it does not infringe Japan's Copyright Act. (10 yen per copy)

For research...

If you are looking for anything or simply want to know more about something, please feel free to consult with one of our librarians.

When you want to locate a book, you can search for and reserve it on one of our computer terminals, your home computer or your cellular phone.

If we don't have the book you are looking for, you may place a request. (We also accept fax requests. Please inquire at any of our locations for further information.)

Library hours

Central and Ward Libraries
Tuesday - Friday 9:00a.m. - 7:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
National holidays 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
Peace Memorial Day(August 6) 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m
On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays of July and August,August 6, the Central Library will open 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m

Children's Library
9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Saeki Ward Library Yuki-Kono Reading Room (Yamayuri Hall)
Tuesday - Friday 9:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.
National holidays 10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
Peace Memorial Day(August 6) 10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m

Manga Library and Asa Reading Room
10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Scheduled closed days (all libraries)

- Every Monday
  However, when Monday falls on a national holiday or August 6, the library will open.
  The day following a national holiday.
  However, when the day following a national holiday falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, the library will close on the next weekday.
- Library inventory (the last day of January, March, May, July, September and November)
  However, when the last day of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, library inventory will take place on the preceding Friday.
- Year-end and New Year holidays
  December 29 - January 4. However, when January 4 falls on a Monday, the holidays end on January 5.
- Special inventory periods
  Naka Ward Library is also open on Mondays.

Borrowing books

- You will need to present identification to verify your name and address (such as a driving license, insurance card or student card) when you apply.
- Furthermore, anyone living in Hiroshima City may also use the libraries in any of the areas listed above (for further information, please inquire at the libraries in question).
- Library cards are valid at all Hiroshima City libraries (except for the Saeki Ward Library Yuki-Kono Reading Room). You may borrow up to five books, in total, at one time, for a period of two weeks.
- There is a group borrowing system for book clubs etc, whereby up to 50 books can be taken out for one month.

Returning books

- You only need leave your books on the return shelf; you do not need your library card to return books.
- You can return books to any Hiroshima City library. However, when returning books borrowed from the Saeki Ward Library Yuki-Kono Reading Room to another Hiroshima City library, or vice-versa, please bear in mind that a few days must be allowed for handling.
- When the library is closed, place books in the drop box.

Hiroshima City Libraries
http://www.library.city.hiroshima.jp/

For cellular phone access:
http://www.library.city.hiroshima.jp/m/

Library books belong to everybody. Please take good care of them.
The Hiroshima City Libraries have a wide selection of books and materials. We are looking forward to seeing you at one of our locations soon.

Central Library
As the main library within all the Hiroshima City Libraries, beyond collecting and preserving books and other materials, we offer a book checkout service, an array of information including business support resources, and reference librarians who have access to our special collections.

- Special Collections
- The Asano Collection
- We have antiquarian books and rare materials from Japan and China, donated to the library by the descendants of the Asano family, a former feudal lord of the Hiroshima area. Moreover, we have the Kagawa collection, consisting of materials from medieval Japan donated by the Kagawa family, descendants of the former lord of Yagi Castle, and the Oda collection of medical references and Japanese poetry (haikai) from the family of Dr. Oda of Yamagata-gun District (northeast region of Hiroshima Prefecture).
- Hiroshima Literature
Hiroshima has given birth to many literary scholars. We have a collection of first editions, magazines and handwritten texts from well-known scholars with ties to Hiroshima. We are especially proud of the first issue of Akai Tori magazine, which printed fairytales and children's songs, published by Mieichi Suzuki, pioneer of the children's culture movement in Japan.
- Atomic Bombing References
As a library of Hiroshima, the first A-bombed city, it is our hope that the library will be a place where the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are not forgotten, and to raise awareness of the importance of peace. Therefore, we have collected a vast selection of materials related to the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
- United Nations Depository Library
The City of Hiroshima has been designated as United Nations Depository Library. We serve the Chugoku and Shikoku Regions, offering access to official records and Secretariat publications (English editions).

Children's Library
As the main library for children, beyond collecting and preserving books and other materials, we offer reference librarians eager to help, and a book checkout service. We also provide many ways to show children the enjoyment of reading, issuing a list of books from a wide-range of genres and holding a variety of events (such as our story hour and book clubs) for anyone wishing to participate. We also have various different sections in the library.

- Local Author Section
- Children's Literature Section
- Foreign Picture Book Section
- Picture Books For Toddlers Section

Ward Libraries
All branch library locations offer a book checkout service, and have regularly scheduled events such as story hour and book clubs.

Manga Library
This is a library specializing in manga. Manga representing the various eras of Japan as well as materials for researching manga are collected here. You can browse the stacks, utilize our checkout service, or simply enjoy reading beneath the shady trees or on the benches in the grounds of the library.

Manga Library Asa Reading Room
2-30-15 Kamiyasu, Asaminami-ku, Hiroshima 731-0154
Within the same building as the Asaminami Ward Community Cultural Center
TEL (082) 830-3675
FAX (082) 830-3676
A 1-minute walk from Kamiyasu bus terminal
A 1-minute walk from the Kamiyasu Astraline Station

Saeki Ward Library
6-1-10 Itsukachi-chuo, Saeki-ku, Hiroshima 731-5128
Within the same building as the Saeki Ward Community Cultural Center
TEL (082) 921-7560
FAX (082) 924-0742
A 2-minute walk from the Kamin-bunka-center-mae bus stop

Asaminami Ward Library
1-22-17 Nakasui, Asaminami-ku, Hiroshima 731-0122
Within the same building as the Asaminami Ward Community Cultural Center
TEL (082) 879-5060
FAX (082) 879-8536
A 10-minute walk from Shimofurui-ichi bus stop
A 2-minute walk from the Nakasui Astraline Station

Central Library
3-1 Moto-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima 730-0011
Within the same building as the Children's Library
TEL (082) 262-5522
FAX (082) 262-5406
A 10-minute walk from JR Hiroshima Station
A 5-minute walk from the Higashi-ku-yakusho-mae bus stop

Please report the loss of a book or library card, or if you have moved or changed your phone number as soon as possible.

For more information, please visit any branch library.