Kita-Aobayama Library - User Guide

Kita-Aobayama Library supports the fields of science and pharmaceutical sciences. This guide introduces the library's facilities, collections, and services, as well as the basic rules and procedures for their use.

Regulations of Kita-Aobayama Library

Opening Hours

Weekdays: 9:00-20:00

*During spring and summer breaks, the library closes at 17:00

*Those affiliated with Tohoku University can use the library during closing hours (Weekdays: 7:00-24:00; Weekends & holidays 9:00-20:00)

Library's Schedule

Entry and Exit

Please swipe your student ID card or scan your Tohoku University App at the readers located at the library's entrance and exit gates.

Eating & Drinking

Eating and drinking are permitted only in the areas outside the gate (Knowledge-Corridor and Entrance Hall). Inside the gate, only beverages in containers with secure caps are allowed.

Borrowing, returning, and renewing books

Borrowing

*Starting October 2026, undergraduates can borrow up to 10 books.

Kita-Aobayama Library's books:

Check out books at the service desk or by using the self-checkout machine.

*Borrowing limits:

Undergraduate students: up to 10 books / 2 weeks;

Graduate students: up to 10 books / 2 weeks

Books from other campuses:

Apply via MyLibrary and pick up at the service desk.

*Borrowing limits: up to 5 books / 2 weeks

When borrowing or renewing items at the service desk or the self-checkout machine, you need your student ID card or the Tohoku University App.

Returning

Return books at the service desk or the book drop.

Books borrowed from Main Library or other branches (excluding the Department of Mathematics Library and the Department of Physics Library) can also be returned at the Kita-Aobayama Library.

Renewing

Complete the procedure at the service desk, the self-checkout machine, or via MyLibrary.

-Renewal is possible if there are no reservations by other users and no overdue books. Each loan can be renewed once.

-Books borrowed and returned at Kita-Aobayama Library can be re-borrowed immediately after return.

Library's Web Service: MyLibrary

Login

Login with your Tohoku University ID and password from the library's website or the university's portal site.

Main functions

- Order books from other campuses
- Reserve books that are currently on loan
- Check the status of books you are borrowing or have reserved
- Get copies of papers from other libraries (free of charge)
- Borrow books from other universities (free of charge)
- Request books to be added to the library collection
- Reserve library facilities
- Make inquiries to the library

Tohoku University Library Website

Social Media

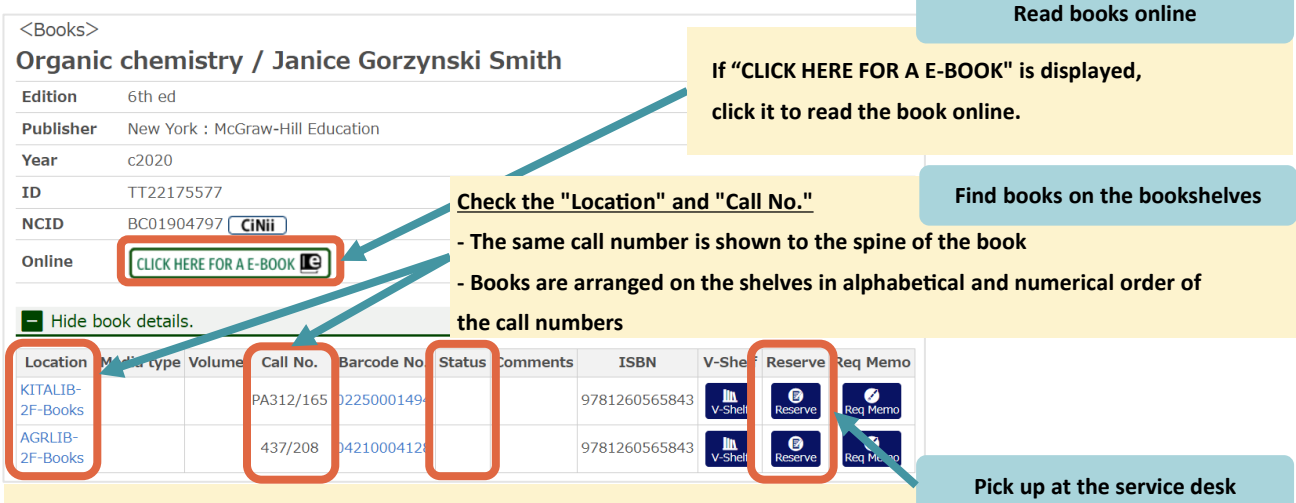
@hagi_no_suke

tohoku_univ_lib

How to Search Books: OPAC

OPAC

Tohoku University Library's collection can be searched via OPAC, which can be accessed via the library's website.



Read books online

If "CLICK HERE FOR A E-BOOK" is displayed, click it to read the book online.

Find books on the bookshelves

Check the "Location" and "Call No."

- The same call number is shown to the spine of the book
- Books are arranged on the shelves in alphabetical and numerical order of the call numbers

Pick up at the service desk

If the "Location" shows another library or the "Status" is "On loan", click the "Reserve" button for application and pick it up at the service desk.

How to Search for Academic Papers

Academic papers can be searched using databases. If the paper is published to the journal which Tohoku University subscribes, you can read it online. If the paper is not available online, you can view it in a print journal in the library or make a self-copy. If the print journal is not available at Kita-Aobayama Library, you can request a copy from another library.

Search in databases

① Access a database through the "Database & Tool Index".

② Search for papers by keywords, author names, journal titles, or others.

③ When you find a paper you want, click the link to the full text (e.g., the icon shown below).

Read in electronic journals

Readable online immediately. PDFs can be downloaded.

*Mass downloading or redistribution beyond personal use is prohibited.

Read in print or make a self-copy

Check the location in the OPAC. View the journal in the library or make a self-copy. *One copy per person.

Request a copy (Document delivery request)

If the paper is not available in an electronic journal and the print journal is held at another campus or at another university, you can request a copy via MyLibrary.

Database and Tool Index

List and overview of databases available at Tohoku University

Remote Access

- Electronic resources such as e-books, electronic journals, and databases are generally accessible from the on-campus network.
- Some resources can also be accessed from off-campus. For more details, please refer to the "Remote access" section on the library's website.