

## Multicultural Services Available at Hiroshima City Libraries

広島市立図書館の多文化サービスを紹介します

There are 13 municipal libraries in Hiroshima city: Central Library, 8 ward libraries, Children's Library, Manga Library, and Reading Room in Yuki and Asa area respectively.

Among these libraries, 4 libraries offer multicultural services, such as books, newspapers, and magazines printed in a variety of different languages. Books and magazines can even be checked out if desired. (However, the latest issues of magazines, as well as those found at the Central Library cannot be checked out).

In addition to the above, some libraries also offer individuals a chance to experience other cultures by coming to story book readings in various languages.

### Information regarding multicultural services

- **Central Library -- Multicultural service counter available**



At the Central Library, books written in English, Chinese, Korean, German, French, and Russian are available for individuals to check out. Books include a wide range of topics such as useful information for everyday life, to recent best sellers. There are also resources available for those who are studying Japanese. Flyers and other pamphlets for useful information regarding daily life are free for those who need them.

[Central Library]

3-1 Moto-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima City

Tel. 222-5542 / 222-6440 (or those who have questions regarding books) Fax. 222-5545

- **Children's Library -- Story book readings in various languages**

At the Children's Library, there is a vast array of books for individuals to choose from! Their collection currently includes over 5,400 picture books in 40 different languages, which you can use to learn about various countries daily habits and culture. The library also holds several story book reading events, and opportunities for individuals to learn basic greetings and games from other countries throughout the year.

[Children's Library]

5-83 Moto-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima City Tel. 221-6755 Fax. 222-7020

- **Naka Ward Library -- Story book readings, English language corner, and more!**

At Naka Ward Library, there is a large selection of English books (both for adults and kids) available for check out. Once a month the library also holds story book reading events (generally in English). Events using other countries picture books, songs, and games are also held so participants can have the opportunity to learn about different cultures!

[Naka Ward Library]

4-7 Kako-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima City (Located in the JMS Aster Plaza 2F)

Tel. 248-9300 Fax. 247-8447

- **Aki Ward Library -- Spanish & Portuguese books available!**

At Aki Ward Library there are a variety of books available in Spanish and Portuguese for people of all ages! Books ranging from cooking, to health, to even study materials for those learning Japanese. Fictional books from Japanese and Non-Japanese authors are also available for check out. For those who need it, informational leaflets are free to take.

[Aki Ward Library]

3-2-16 Funakoshi-minami, Aki-ku, Hiroshima City

Tel. 924-1056 Fax. 924-1057

## How to check out books

- For those who commute to or live in Hiroshima city and the following surrounding areas, they are able to check out books.

[Hiroshima Regional Areas]

- Hiroshima Prefecture

Hiroshima city, Kure city, Takehara city, Mihara city, Miyoshi city, Ōtake city, Higashi-hiroshima city, Hatsukaichi city, Akitakata city, Etajima city, Fuchū-cho, Kaita-cho, Kumano-cho, Saka-cho, Aki-ōta-cho, Kita-hiroshima-cho, Ōsaki-kamishima-cho, Sera-cho

- Yamaguchi Prefecture

Iwakuni city, Yanai city, Suō-ōshima-cho, Waki-cho, Kami-no-seki-cho, Tabuse-cho, Hirao-cho,

- Shimane Prefecture

Hamada city, Misato-cho, Ōnan-cho

- To check out books, one will need to obtain a library card.

[What can library cards do?]

- They enable you to check out books at any Hiroshima city municipal library.
- A total of 10 books over a 2-week period can be checked out.
- To create or renew a library card, you will need some form of ID to confirm one's name and address. (Residence card, student ID, driver's license, health insurance card, etc.)

## Returning Books

- Books are able to be returned at any Hiroshima city municipal library.
- Please return books at the designated “Book Return Counter.” You do not need your library card when you do so.
- If the library is closed, please use the provided book drop to return books.

## Library Hours

### [Hours of operation]

- Central Library & surrounding ward libraries  
(Naka-ku, Higashi-ku, Minami-ku, Nishi-ku, Asaminami-ku, Asakita-ku, Aki-ku, Saeki-ku)  
Tuesday -- Friday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Sat., Sun., Holidays, & August 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
※The Central Library is open from 9 am to 6 pm on weekends in July and August, as well as August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Children’s Library  
Tuesday -- Sunday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Yuki-Kono Reading Room at Saeki Library  
Tuesday -- Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Sat., Sun., Holidays, & August 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Manga Library and Asa Reading Room  
Tuesday -- Sunday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

### [Closed]

Every Monday

- ※ If August 6<sup>th</sup> or national holidays fall on Monday, the libraries will be open.
- ※ For details including unscheduled closings, please check the homepage below.

## Other Information

It is possible to have books you would like to read sent in from other municipal libraries if you cannot find one at your local library. For more information, please consult staff at your local library.

## Hiroshima City Municipal Library Homepage

[English] <http://www.library.city.hiroshima.jp/english/>

