

Okayama University Libraries



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Central Library



Shikata Branch Library



Institute of Plant Science and Resources
Branch Library (IPSR Branch Library)

Okayama University Library was established in 1949 just at the same time when the Okayama University. Next year, Library was opened.

Okayama University Libraries consist of three libraries: Central Library on Tsushima Campus, Shikata Branch Library on Shikata Campus, and Institute of Plant Science and Resources Branch Library on Kurashiki Campus. The libraries provide a wide range of services to the local communities, and educational and research institutions, not only to member at Okayama University. Some library materials are available for reading to people in the community to support their lifelong learning activities. We also hold regular exhibitions, mainly records and documents of the Ikeda clan, the fief lord of Okayama.

To promote and strengthen the web-based e-library services, we have been working on digitizing internal publications and the many Ezu (pictorial map) in the special collections. And we provide access to approximately 86,000 e-journals, 31 databases, and publishes the academic research achievements of the University's members (Scientific Achievement Repository).

Okayama University Libraries

Central Library 3-1-1 Tsushima-naka, Kita-ku, Okayama City, Okayama 700-8530

Shikata Branch Library 2-5-1 Shikata-cho, Kita-ku, Okayama City, Okayama 700-8558

Institute of Plant Science and Resources Branch Library 2-20-1 Chuo, Kurashiki City, Okayama 710-0046

Facilities, Library Hours, and Borrowing Limits

As of May 1, 2026

	Shelf Capacity	Number of Seats	Library Hours (during school terms)			Borrowing Limit (books)	
			Weekdays	Saturday	Sunday and holidays	Undergraduate and graduate students	Faculty and staff
Central Library	(books, in tens of thousands) 113.1	(seats) 1,130	9:00-23:00	10:00-18:00		10 books, 14 days 15 books, 14 days	30 books, 14 days
Shikata Branch Library	22.0	377	9:00-21:00	10:00-17:00	Closed	5 books, 14 days	5 books, 14 days
IPSR Branch Library	15.0	36	9:00-17:00	Closed		5 books, 14 days	No limit, 14 days
Total	150.1	1,543					

Shikata Branch Library is open 24 hours a day for students and teachers at Shikata campus (no staff on duty) after closing time.

IPSR Branch Library is open 24 hours a day only for IPSR members.

Library Holdings

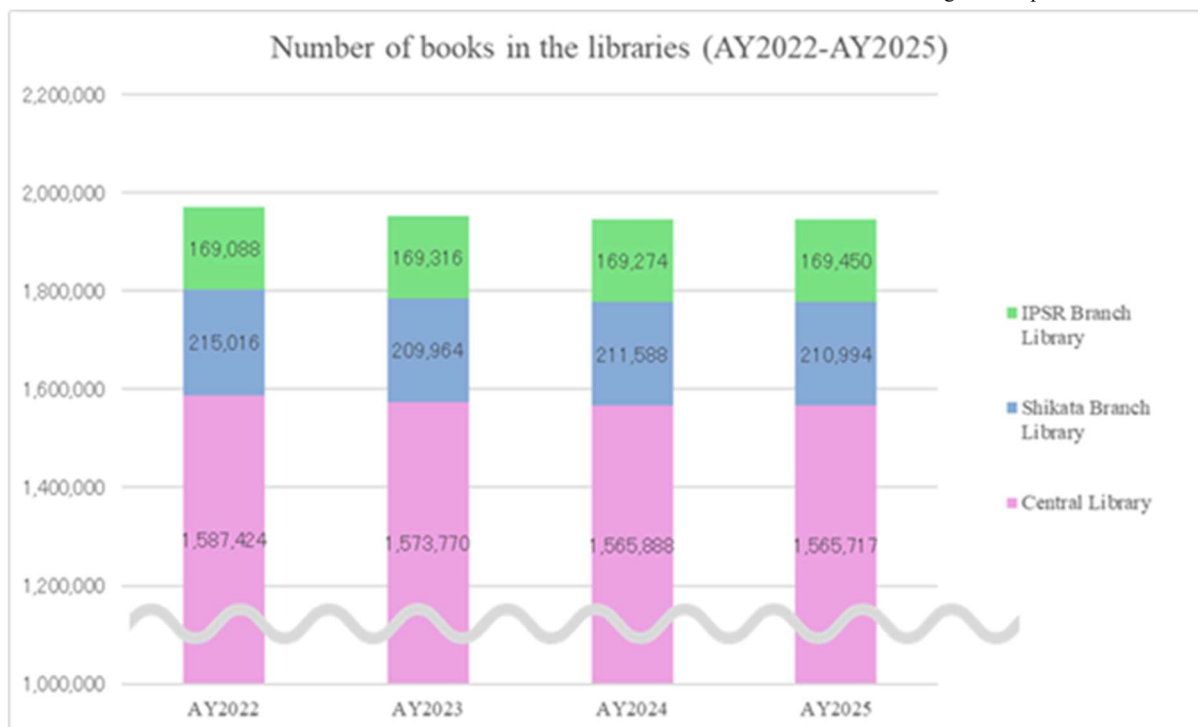
AY2025-AY2022, from the top down
(E-journals are from AY2026 to AY2023)

	Books			Journals (titles)			E-journals*
	Japanese and Chinese books	Foreign books	Total	Japanese and Chinese journals	Foreign journals	Total	
Central Library	1,100,583	465,134	1,565,717	21,733	10,088	31,821	–
	1,101,492	464,396	1,565,888	21,725	10,063	31,788	–
	1,108,511	465,259	1,573,770	21,669	10,066	31,735	–
	1,120,473	466,951	1,587,424	21,610	10,075	31,685	–
Shikata Branch Library	114,838	96,156	210,994	4,103	3,176	7,279	–
	115,304	96,284	211,588	4,092	3,179	7,271	–
	113,738	96,226	209,964	4,088	3,177	7,265	–
	113,074	101,942	215,016	4,086	3,186	7,272	–
IPSR Branch Library	77,939	91,511	169,450	9,221	5,034	14,255	–
	77,778	91,496	169,274	9,179	4,959	14,138	–
	77,645	91,671	169,316	9,146	4,918	14,064	–
	77,454	91,634	169,088	9,111	4,856	13,967	–
Total	1,293,360	652,801	1,946,161	35,057	18,298	53,355	85,923
	1,294,574	652,176	1,946,750	34,996	18,201	53,197	84,482
	1,299,894	653,156	1,953,050	34,903	18,161	53,064	88,373
	1,311,001	660,527	1,971,528	34,807	18,117	52,924	84,345

*The number of e-journals is the number of titles registered in Link Resolver.

Number of Books in the Libraries

*Including those kept in laboratories



Service

AY2025-AY2022, from the top down

	Number of Open Days	Number of Visitors	Lending to individuals	Interlibrary Loan*		Reference service	Usage of Special Collections (No. of items)
				Requests	Request received		
Central Library	293	372,473	74,339	978	991	9,312	1,339
	295	359,722	71,522	1,365	1,172	8,993	1,502
	308	338,559	75,925	1,045	1,255	8,464	1,562
	310	295,814	78,310	1,479	1,373	7,395	1,527
Shikata Branch Library	270	96,148	8,985	483	644	3,390	11
	274	84,683	9,818	694	737	3,529	57
	273	68,469	9,957	603	836	3,419	246
	280	55,539	10,865	838	988	3,400	2
IPSR Branch Library	238	7,451	83	5	99	300	1
	239	6,374	134	21	167	257	7
	241	6,974	143	10	425	331	124
	240	6,995	231	17	212	290	0
Total		476,072	83,407	1,466	1,734	13,002	1,351
		450,779	81,474	2,080	2,076	12,779	1,566
		414,002	86,025	1,658	2,516	12,214	1,932
		358,348	89,406	2,334	2,573	11,085	1,529

* The number includes Interlibrary Loan within Okayama University Libraries

Special Collections

The Ikeda Family Collection (Ikedake Bunko)

Central Library houses the Ikeda Family Collection (Ikedake Bunko) which contains records and documents of the Ikeda clan, the fief lord of Okayama.

The collection consists of 68,083 items of administrative and legislative archives, 22,117 volumes of Japanese classics, and 10,420 volumes of Chinese classics.

The collection is well known as the first-rate primary materials for the research of the system of shogunate government and clan governments in the Edo period in Japan.



Shinchō ki (Chronicle of Nobunaga) in 15 volumes
〈Important Cultural Property〉
Keichō 15 (1610)
Call No. 貴-48 (Ki-48)



Gokōen zu (Kōrakuen Garden)
Bunkyū 3 (1863)
Call No. T7-123

Programs Utilizing the Special Collections

1. Exhibition of Ezu from the Ikeda Family Collection, since 1997 (co-sponsored by Okayama City Museum since 2005)
2. Okayama Korakuen Garden Workshop for children, since 2006 (co-sponsored by the Faculty of Education)
3. Open Lectures at Okayama University, since 2008
4. Special Exhibitions on Plants and Agriculture, since 2009 (at the Institute of Plant Science and Resources Branch Library)



Exhibition of Ezu from the Ikeda Family Collection in AY2025



Okayama Korakuen Workshop for Children in AY2025

Director

Employees

AY2026-AY2024, from top down

As of May 1 each year

Director of Okayama University Libraries

Kenji Tsuruta
(Faculty of Environmental, Life, Natural Science
and Technology)

Appointed in April 2025

Deputy Director

Tatsuo Fujii
(Faculty of Environmental, Life, Natural Science
and Technology)

Appointed in April 2021

Masafumi Motomura
(Faculty of Interdisciplinary Science and
Engineering in Health Systems)

Appointed in April 2021

Hiroshi Sakaguchi
(Organization for the Co-creation of Scholarly and
Public Knowledge)

Appointed in May 2026

	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Central Library	22	14	36
	20	13	33
	21	13	34
Shikata Branch Library	3	5	8
	4	4	8
	4	4	8
IPSR Branch Library	1	2	3
	1	2	3
	1	2	3
Total	26	21	47
	25	19	44
	26	19	45

Director of Shikata Branch Library

Junichi Abe
(Medical Sciences Administration Department)

Appointed in April 2026

Director of IPSR Branch Library

Maki Katsuhara
(Institute of Plant Science and Resources)

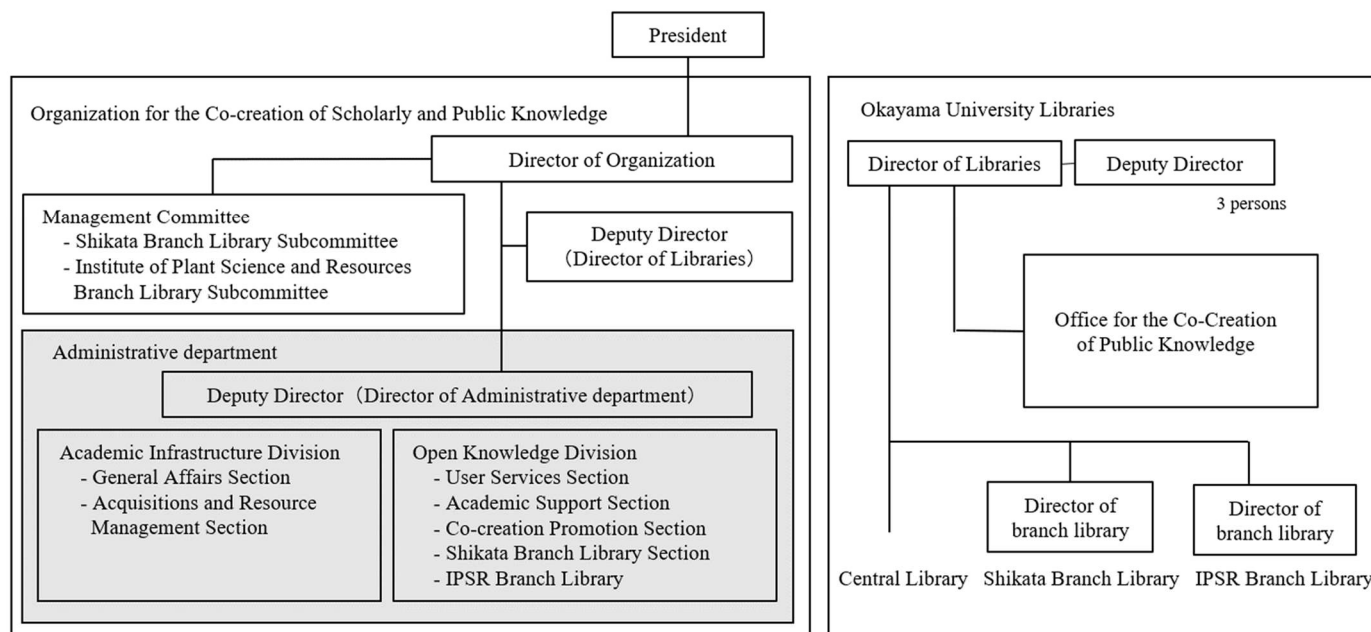
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Faculty

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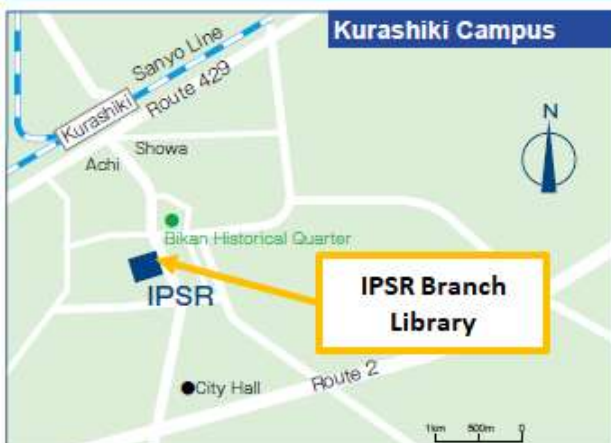
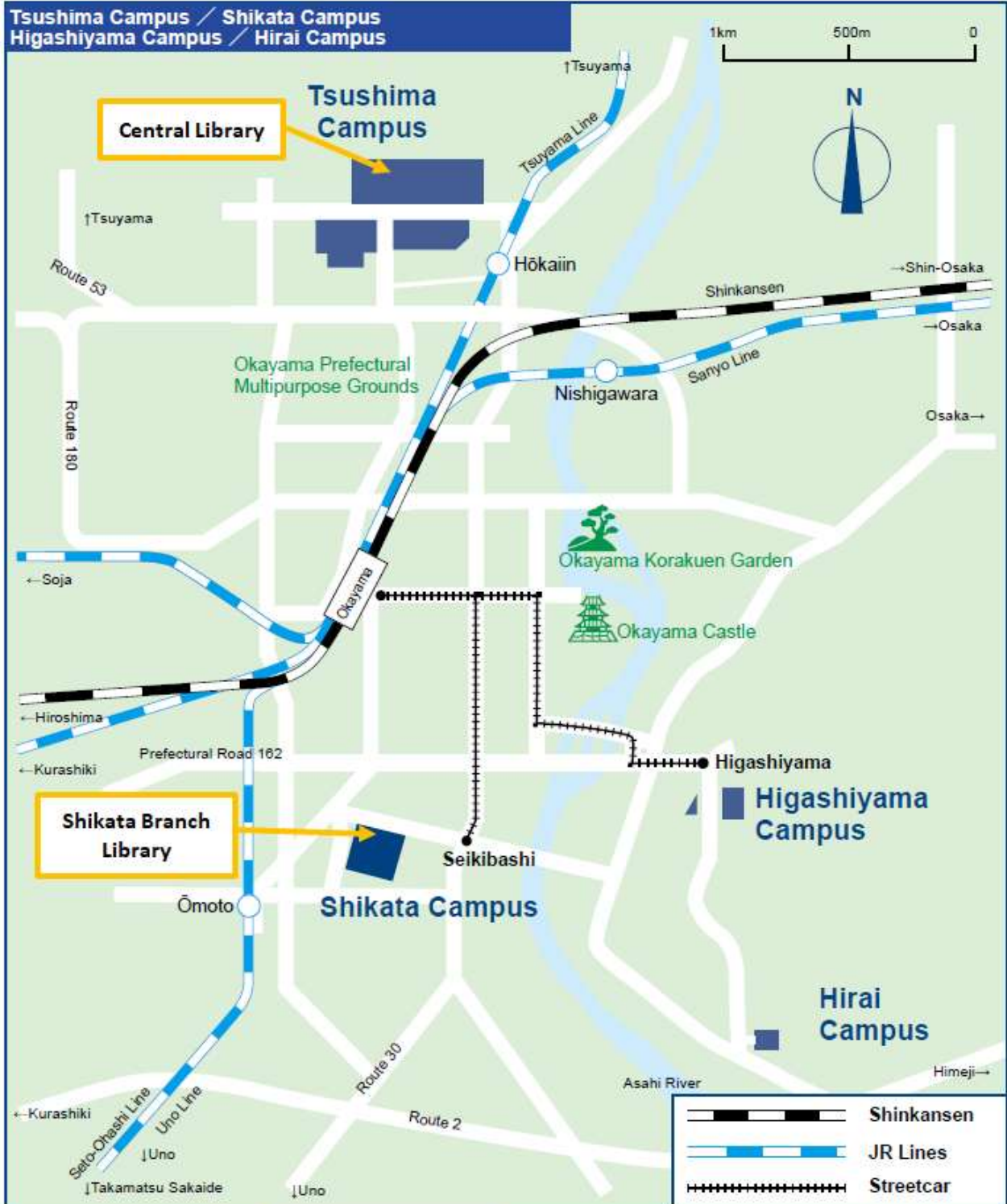
	Full-time
Office for the Co-Creation of Public Knowledge	3

Organization



As of May 1, 2026

Access Map





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