

匹茲堡大學東亞圖書館

The University Library System (ULS) at the University of Pittsburgh's

EAST ASIAN LIBRARY Japanese Collection

About the East Asian Library

The University Library System (ULS) at the University of Pittsburgh began its Chinese collection in 1960 after it was selected as one of the twenty National Defense Education Act centers for Chinese studies. Five years later, the East Asian Library (EAL) was established to include also the Japanese collection. The Korean materials were added to the collection from 2000. Today, the EAL has become one of the most prominent East Asian collections in North America with over 375,900 volumes of monographs, about 1,200 titles of periodicals, around 8,900 reels of microfilms, over 25 current newspapers, 1,650 multi-media resources, and 8 major area studies online databases. As of June 2005, the library ranks the 14th in size among more than 80 East Asian collections in North America and is the largest and the major resource center in the Tri-state area (Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia). The library's primary mission is to support the Asian Studies Center for instruction and research in Chinese, Japanese and Korean studies.

The EAL Japanese Collection

The EAL consists of four collections—Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and English languages. With over 116,800 Japanese monographic volume holdings, 300 current serial titles, and other resources, the Japanese collection ranks the 15th in North America. The Japanese collection has notable strengths in Japanese economic history, linguistics and pedagogy, medical history, modern literature, social sciences, humanities, history and culture of Japanese movies, pre-modern history of art, and religion of pre-modern period. New subjects are also under development, such as classics, religion of contemporary period,



and mass media and identity of contemporary period.

The Japanese collection supports major research and teaching activities concerning Japan in several disciplines: anthropology, business, classics, East Asian languages and literatures, economics, fine arts, history, law, linguistics, music, political science, religious studies, and sociology.

Mitsui Collection

One of the valuable part of the Japanese Collection is the Mitsui Collection recently donated by the Institute for Financial and Economic Research (金融経済研究所) of the former Mitsui Bank. The Collection contains over 64,000 volumes of books and journals - 33,498 of Japanese imprints (5,712 published before the end of World War II, and 27,786 published afterward), 10,701 of Western languages imprints, and 20,000 Japanese and Western languages journals. The latest published works date from 1990.

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The Mitsui Collection is one of the best collections on Japanese finance, the former Japanese colonies (Taiwan, Manchuria, Korea) and international finance. It also contains materials on labor problem, social movement, company and local histories, pre- and post-war biographies, and an assortment of statistical annuals and other kinds of yearbooks.

Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery from Japan

The University Library System participates in the Global Interlibrary Loan Framework (GIF), a mechanism for interlibrary loan and document delivery between Japan and the United States. Patrons are always welcome to check with librarians at the East Asian Library for verifying holding information and holding libraries in Japan before they put in the ILL requests.

The Japan Information Center

The Japan Information Center (JIC) was established in 1996 as a collaborative effort between the University of Pittsburgh and the Japan Center for Intercultural Communication (JCIC) in Tokyo. Since 1998, the center has been solely administered by the University Library System, with personnel support partially funded through Japan Council at the Asian Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh. The main mission of JIC is to provide Japan related information to faculty and students at the University of Pittsburgh, and to community users in general. The Center covers broad subject areas such as economics, politics and government policies, business and industries, cultures, language, statistic data, and so on.

The JIC has its own print reference collections, such as EHS Law Bulletin Series, statistical

yearbooks, biographical dictionaries, white papers, Japanese paintings, almanacs, directories of organizations, corporations, and research institutions. The JIC also has access to the **Nikkei Telecom 21** which consists of the Nikkei Corporate Profiles, the Nikkei Who's Who, various business and economic information, and the full text database of four Nikkei Newspapers.

In addition, the EAL subscribes to the following electronic databases specific to Japanese studies: **JapanKnowledge**, a portal to Japanese encyclopedias, dictionaries and databases, and **GiNii** which is a portal to Japanese academic databases in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.

Outreach Activities

The EAL has actively participated in on-campus and local community events to showcase library services and resources. Highlights of outreach activities specific to Japanese studies include coordinating the International Week and Asian Studies Center display booths at various events, supporting the activities of the Japan Association of Greater Pittsburgh, hosting exhibitions about Japanese cultures and language, and participating in the annual Dragon Boat Festival organized by the Pittsburgh City since 2002.

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