

Library Guide

Kanagawa Prefectural Library

The library's mission is to provide material useful to the residents of Kanagawa Prefecture in their study, research and everyday lives. The library also has an improved reference service intended to answer queries and provide information on lifelong learning.

Opening hours

- Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed

- All Mondays (except national holidays)
- The second Thursday of each month (or Friday if Thursday is a national holiday)
- Year-end and New-Year holidays
- Early April for inventory

Reference services

- We aim to help you find the information or material you're looking for.
- Ask a member of staff if you need help looking up or locating anything.
- Help can be provided by phone, postal mail, fax or e-mail.
- If required, your desired material can be put on hold for a week.

Searching

- Our computers allow you to search the library's collection. If you wish to see any material from the storeroom, just print and fill out an application and bring it to the counter. Our staff will bring the material from the storeroom.

Reserving and backordering material

- You can reserve a book if it is not currently on the shelves.
- You can backorder books from Kanagawa Prefectural Kawasaki Library.
- You can also backorder books not available in either of the two prefectural libraries. We will try to obtain such books from other libraries within or outside the prefecture.

Library cards

- Library cards are issued to anyone living, working or studying in Kanagawa Prefecture.
- Please apply in person, bringing a document that confirms your name and address.

Borrowing material

- Bring the items and your library card to the loans counter.
- Number of items that can be borrowed at a time and for how long

Books	10	3 weeks
Audio visual (including CDs, records, cassette tapes, and video tapes)	6	3 weeks

- The loan period can be extended once, provided no one has placed a reservation request on the material.

Returning material

- Bring the items to the loans or audio-visual counter.
- Place the material (books only) into a drop-box when the library is closed. The drop-boxes are at the front entrance of the main building and on the south side of the new building, beside the access slope.

Copying material

- Material from this library can be copied in compliance with the Copyright Act (one copy per person, for a fee). Copying may not be allowed for some materials.
- Fill in a "copy application" and hand it to a member of staff.
- Copy charges

Black and white	10 yen per page
Color	60 yen per B5, A4, or B4 page
	90 yen per A3 page

Services for library users with disabilities

- Reading services are provided for anyone with difficulty reading handwritten material. Prior reservation is required.
- Postal delivery services are provided for anyone unable to visit the library.

Dining space

- A dining space is available in the B1 floor elevator hall of the new building.
- Vending machines and a resting area are located in the passage between the main and new buildings on the first floor.

Access information

- 10-min walk from Sakuragicho Station (JR and Yokohama Municipal Subway)
- 13-min walk from Hinodecho Station (Keikyu Main Line)
- 20-min walk from Minatomirai Station (Minatomirai Line)
- 5-min walk from Yokohama city bus, Tobe 1-chome stop
- 7-min walk from Yokohama city bus, Momijizaka stop

New building

4F	Seminar room	
3F	Kanagawa material /newspapers and magazines Tel: 045-263-5904 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kanagawa-related material (books, magazines, maps, graphics and government publications) • Domestic and international newspapers, social and humanities-related magazines (including university publications and foreign language magazines). • Visit us if you need information. 	
2F	Offices	
1F	Audio-visual room Tel: 045-263-5906 Audio-visual materials, including CDs, vinyl records, cassette tapes and videotapes, with a focus on classics.	Lifelong learning support corner Tel: 045-263-5920 You can borrow and view material for lifelong learning (courses, events, qualifications, facilities, etc.) and consult with staff on lifelong learning.
	Women-related material (1) Around 77,000 items that were previously at Kanagawa Women's Center Library are available here.	
B1F	Women-related materials (2) Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Dining space Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Yokohama west entrance counter (inside Kanagawa Kenmin Center)

Issuance of library cards, lending books reserved online, returning books (from the two prefectural libraries only)	
Operating hours	3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Note: The drop-box on the 1st floor can be used only when the Kenmin Center is open.
Closed	Kenmin Center inspection days, Year-end and New-Year holidays
Access info	5-min walk from Yokohama Station west entrance 2-24-2 Tsuruyacho, Kanagawa-ku, Yokohama 221-0835 Kanagawa Kenmin Center 9F Tel: 045-312-1121

Floor guide

Main building

General reading room

Books

700: Art (paintings, photographs, craft, drama, sports)

800: Language (Japanese, English, other languages)

200: History (world, Japanese, other countries, biographies)

900: Literature (Novels, literary history, literary theories, essays)

100: Philosophy (philosophy, psychology, religion)

400: Science (mathematics, physics, chemistry, medicine, pharmacy)

500: Technology and engineering (environment, construction)

• National telephone directory (in-library use only)

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Consultation room

Tel: 045-263-5901

We will help you find material and information. Feel free to ask for help. We also accept consultation requests by phone, postal mail, fax and e-mail.

General reading room

Books

300: Social science (politics, sociology, education)

600: Industry (agriculture, forestry, fishery)

000: Others (information, library science, collected works)

• White papers covering various fields

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Connecting passage

There are two prefectural libraries in Kanagawa, each with distinct functions. This library focuses on sociology and humanities, while Kawasaki Library offers information on manufacturing. The libraries are making close contact with each other to provide the best service possible to our users.

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