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Library newsletter "OH! MY LIB CAFE"

We'd love to hear your feedback!



The Library Newsletter "OH! MY LIB CAFE" was first issued in 2009 and this marks its 50th issue. The title LIB CAFE stands for Library Cafe and reflects the intention of creating a library where people can spend time in a relaxed atmosphere, much like a coffee shop. Fifteen years after its first issue, this newsletter continues to be published to encourage more people to use the library. Published in Japanese and English and available on the library website.



Messages from past and current directors



Current director of the library, Dr. Tetsuya Ishiwata

How do you use the library? Recently, there has been an increase in e-books and e-resources, allowing users to read desired books and articles without having to go to the library. As more and more e-books will be available in the future, libraries must evolve into extended libraries as it's exemplified in this case, and I hope that everyone will take advantage of the convenience and make more and more use of e-books. On the other hand, I also have a feeling that it would be a shame to view libraries solely from that perspective. In libraries, books are arranged systematically. While searching for the book you need, we encourage you to also explore the covers of nearby books, and perhaps even those from slightly different fields. Pick one that catches your eye and flip through its pages - you might find it so interesting that you'd like to read more. We believe that it is an important function and mission of libraries to provide such unexpected encounters. We encourage you to make full use of the library.



Previous director of the library from 2018-2023, Dr. Naohiko Tanaka

I had the impression that libraries were quiet spaces where you dedicate yourself to reading, but I changed my mind when I became the director of the library. Libraries nowadays are also spaces for group work, not just 'quiet spaces'. When I was a postgraduate student, I used the library a lot for literature searches, but now with the increase in e-journals, students no longer need to go to the library. Doing research at the library used to be an essential part of completing report assignments, but with the spread of the internet, research assignments have become less meaningful. There is no doubt that the function of libraries will continue to change and paper books may disappear. What kind of space the library will be in the future depends on the wishes of all of you. Please let us know your thoughts and explore the potential of future libraries.



Previous director of the library from 2012-2017, Dr. Kazumi Tsunoda

What does the university library mean to you? For me, the university library was a special place that helped me find my career path. It was about 40 years ago when a technical book caught my eye while looking for materials for my report in the Tamachi campus library. The book was about gas dynamics and had nothing to do with the topic of my report. As I flipped through its pages, I stumbled upon the field of 'electromagnetic fluid dynamics' and became intensely interested in it. This is how I decided to specialize in electromagnetic fluid dynamics in graduate school, and I am still working on applied research in this field. If I had picked up a different book back then, I might have taken a completely different path. I hope you'll find some time to visit the library-you may find a book there that could change your future!

LIB CAFE Past and Present



From Vol.12 The Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11th, 2011 was reported in issue 12. The photos show the impact of the disaster.



Issue 12 is available here.

Extracts
During the Great East Japan Earthquake, no books fell at Toyosu Library because all buildings were seismically isolated. In contrast, some books fell due to vibrations at Omiya Library, although seismic reinforcement work had been completed. Also, large architectural books dropped at Shibaura Library, which existed at the time. Fortunately, there was no damage to users or the building. After the earthquake, we introduced anti-fall tapes to prevent books from falling, and we are trying to organize the shelves even more than before. This ensures that books do not fall. Libraries are committed to disaster preparedness and are committed to the safety of people and the protection of materials. For this reason, we ask for the cooperation of all users. If an earthquake occurs, move away from the shelves and keep safe under the table.



From Vol.16 Now an annual library event, with 24 years of history, the Lib Café offers an insight into the changes that have taken place.



Issue 16 is available here.

Extracts
Many of you may have attended a book garden (book selection event). Book Garden is an event where bookshops come to the library and select books you would like to have in our library. Issue 16, published in October 2012, reported on its predecessor, the book selection tour. From 2000 to 2014, users went to the relevant bookshop and selected the books they wanted to have in the library. 40 people participated and 822 books were placed in the library. Now, the bookshop comes to the library and offers a selection of books, and the number of participants has increased to around 800. It has become an annual event that is now widely cherished.

02. Library News



Library user satisfaction survey results - for the creation of more comfortable libraries-

A library use satisfaction survey was conducted between 2 Sep. (Mon) and 12 Oct. (Sat) 2024, and many responses were received through the library, the website and also via ScombZ.

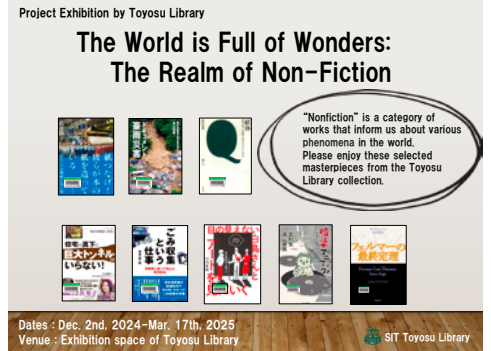
Thank you for your cooperation. The results of the survey will be posted on the library website.

We will use your feedback to make our library even better, and we thank you in advance for your support.



Special exhibition "The World is Full of Wonders : The Realm of Non-Fiction"

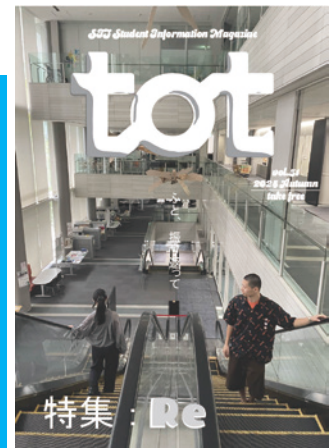
Books that are based on facts rather than fiction are referred to as 'non-fiction'. This exhibition presents books on social events, notable figures and historical events. Why not read at your leisure over the long winter break and further broaden your knowledge?



Special exhibition "Diary documenting the exciting production of the free paper tot on campus"

Do you know about the SIT student magazine *tot*?

The editorial team of *tot* and the library collaborated to host an exhibition showcasing the team's activities. Guided by the motto of making SIT students' lives "a little richer", the team writes articles covering topics such as recommended credits and SIT style approaches to studying.



03. Library Best 5

Five most loaned books (Apr.1st, -Sep.30th, 2024)

Design-related books

- 1 **Maeda construction fantasy sales department**
Call number: 778.77/Ma26/Shitei
- 2 **People who fast-forward through films : fast films, spoilers - the current form of content consumption**
Call number: 778.04/I51/Gakusen
- 3 **The non-designer's design book**
Call number: 727/W74
- 4 **Futsuu(generally)**
Call number: 757.04/F72
- 4 **Getting started with C# in Unity**
Call number: 798.5/R33

Qualifications books

- 1 **Pass! Basic Information Technology Engineer : Intensive seminar by Prof. Fukushima**
Call number: 007.6/F84/Shikaku
- 2 **Official Basic Textbook of Expert for the Image Processing Engineer Certificate**
Call number: 007.64/G29/Shikaku
- 3 **Kayanoki Sensei's Basic Information Technology Engineer's Classroom : well understood using the Image & Clever method**
Call number: 007.6/Ka98/Shikaku
- 4 **Python 3 Engineer Certification: Official PythonED Basic Exam Questions**
Call number: 007.64/B41/Shikaku
- 4 **Official statistical test level 2 question booklet**
Call number: 417/N77/Shikaku

