



## International Library of Children's Literature

The International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL) is a national library specializing in children's literature which provides internationally coordinated library services for children's literature and related materials published in Japan and in other countries.

The ILCL was founded in January 2000 as a branch of the National Diet Library (NDL). It partially opened to the public in May 2000 and started full services in May 2002. The building, which was originally built as the Imperial Library in 1906, has been carefully restored and adapted to contemporary needs.

Based on its principle, "Children's books link the world and open up the future," the ILCL provides various programs as a library that has three basic roles: "a national library specializing in children's literature," "a place for children to become familiar with books," and "a museum of children's books."



### The following acts are prohibited in the library

- ▲ Taking photographs (except where permitted)
- ▲ Using a cell-phone or PHS for phone calls (except in a designated area)
- ▲ Eating and drinking (except in a designated area)
- ▲ Smoking

For details, please check the notices inside the library.

## Information

### Opening hours

9 : 30 ~ 17 : 00

### Closed

**Mondays, public holidays** (except Children's Day on May 5), **year-end and New Year holidays** (Dec.28-Jan.4), **third Wednesdays**.

In addition, Researchers' Reading Rooms (2F) are closed on Sundays, and the Media Corner and Museum (3F) are occasionally closed for events.



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Floor Plan

Information for Visitors

Access

## Access

10-15 minutes' walk from JR Ueno station (Park Exit)



## International Library of Children's Literature

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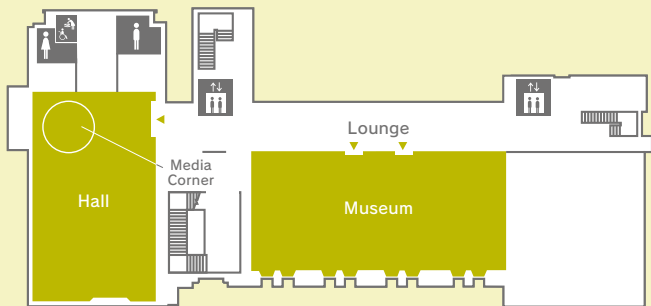
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Website

<http://www.kodomo.go.jp/english/index.html>



3F



**Museum**

Exhibitions on children's literature are held several times a year. The decorative plaster work and the 10-meter ceiling should not be missed.

**Media Corner**

Contains electronic publications for children including various DVDs, and "The Picture Book Gallery" created by the ILCL.

\*Media Corner is occasionally closed for lectures or other events.

**Hall**

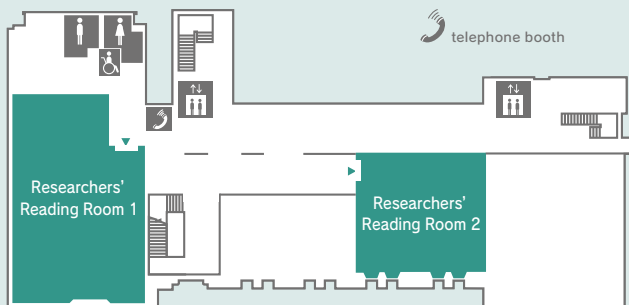
Lectures, exhibitions and other programs are held here.

**For visitors with small children**

Diaper changing stations are available in multipurpose restrooms on the 1st and the 3rd floors. Please ask the staff if you want to use a nursing room. A nursing room is also available. Please ask the staff if you want to use it.



2F



Researchers' Reading Rooms are available for those aged 18 or over.

Please visit a Reading Room counter to go through necessary procedures to enter Reading Rooms.

Most materials are stored in closed stacks, so please ask the staff if you need something.

**Researchers' Reading Room 1**

Children's literature and related materials published in Japan or other Asian countries are on the open shelves. The latest editions of Japanese school textbooks are also available.

**Researchers' Reading Room 2**

Children's literature and related materials published in foreign countries (except Asian countries) are on the open shelves. Domestic offline electronic publications (CD-ROM, etc.) acquired via the legal deposit and microforms are also available.



1F



**Children's Library**

\*Adults are also welcome.

Children's literature (picture books, stories, knowledge books, magazines, etc.) published inside or outside Japan is on the shelves. The online catalog for children helps children to search for books themselves. Small exhibitions on occasional themes are also held.

**Meet the World**

\*Adults are also welcome.

This room provides children with materials on the geography, history and folklore of various countries and regions of the world. These materials are selected to stimulate children's interest in the world and to deepen their understanding of foreign countries. This room was a VIP room back in the Imperial Library era (Meiji era).

**Story Hour Room**

Storytelling or reading events for children are held on Saturdays and Sundays. Nursery rhyme and picture book hours for little children aged 3 and under and their parents are held.

**Cafeteria**

Snacks and drinks.

\*You can bring your own boxed lunch and drinks out on the terrace (except on rainy or windy days).