An exhibition which introduces the International Library of Children's Literature is available. Events such as concerts are also held here.

#### Museum -

Exhibitions which cover a variety of subjects on children's literature are held here.

#### Teens' Research Room

Materials useful for teens' research are available here.

#### Gallery of Children's Literature

A gallery showing the history of Japanese children's books from the Meiji era to the present is available here.

#### Children's Library -

Classic picture books, stories or standard knowledge books mainly for children up to elementary school age are available here. Please feel free to ask staff at the counter about anything vou need.

#### Meet the World

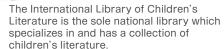
Materials on various countries and regions of the world which will enable a deepening of your interest and understanding of other countries are available here.

### Story Hour Room

Come and join in the story hour for children on Saturdays (except summer vacations).

14:00 4 years old - 1st grade pupils 15:00 2nd grade pupils and older

\*There is also a cafeteria on the 1st floor of the Brick Building.



The library has three main functions. The first is to collect children's books from

Japan and other countries and to provide assistance with research on children's books and child reading as a library specialized in children's literature.

The second function is to provide creative opportunities for children to become familiar with libraries and reading as a place for children to interact with books.

The third function is to introduce the attraction of children's books as a museum of children's books.

The Brick Building was originally built more than a century ago in 1906 as the Imperial Library. The building then became the International Library of Children's Literature in 2000, and in 2015 the Arch Building was constructed.

The Brick Building is a Western, Renaissance style building from the Meiji era and has been designated as a historical building by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

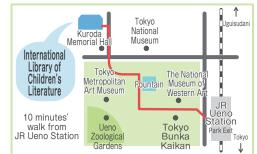
### **User Guide**

Library open hours: 9:30-17:00

Closed: Mondays

National Holidays (except Children's Day on May 5) Year-end and New Year's Holidays Third Wednesdays of the month (for refiling)

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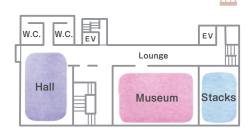


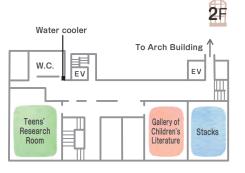
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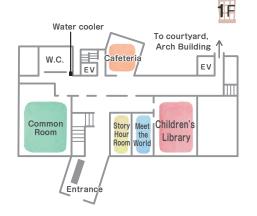




## Welcome!









# Buildings of the International Library of Children's Literature

Brick Building

chandelier

amazing that it is

over 100 years old.

Take a trip back to 100 years ago while searching for some of the building's wonders!

The library has the old, historic Brick Building, and also the new Arch Building.

This is a new building that was built in 2015. The entire building is shaped in a curve.

Arch Building

Windows with wooden frames

The windows with wooden frames from over 100 years ago are rare today.

Lightning rod – on the roof

This protects the building from lightning strikes.

Story Hour

Room

Plaster moldings

The ceiling, floors and pillars are all covered in beautiful plaster\* Each piece was handcrafted by a skilled craftsman. Look to see what patterns you can find.

Gallery of Children's Literature

Children's

Library

- Red bricks inside the door?

Stacks

Elevator for books!

In the Meiji era, there was

an elevator for carrying books.

From the door on the left of the aedicule, you can see red bricks over 100 years old.

Look closely at the bricks…

The bricks of the outer wall are laid in alternating horizontal and vertical patterns. This is called "French Stacking."

Researchers' Reading Room | Seminar Rooms

This is a room for researchers in children's books.
Registration is required to use the room.

These rooms are used for lecture meetings,

seminars and events for children.

"Push to open"

A large door has this warning plate. In the past, doors which you pushed to open were rare in Japan.

Over 100-year-old

Still in use and so beautiful,

Grand Staircase

There is a large open staircase from the first to the third floor

- Showa era -

Hall

Teens' Research

Build in 1929 from steel reinforced concrete and tile which looks like brick and stone.

Puzzle-like floor

Grand Staircase

This is a parquet floor, made from mosaic wooden tiles.

Meiji era

Built from steel reinforced brick and stone in 1906.

Meet the

World

No shadows —

Museum

The entire ceiling is illuminated!
There are no shadows, so you can read books anywhere.

This ceiling is called the "hikari tenjo" (luminous ceiling).

Rooftop garden and solar panels

The building has plots of plants and solar panels located on the roof, reuses rainwater and has other environmentally friendly features.

Researchers' Reading Room

Seminar Rooms

To Brick Building

Stacks

**Stacks** (Arch Building basements)

Stacks on the first and second basement floors accommodate approximately 650,000 books to preserve them for the future

\*Plaster was made by mixing slaked lime, shell-lime, finely chopped paper and water.