

Information about Library Use

Using the library

Anyone may use the library. A card can be issued to anyone, and this card can be used at the central branch, the Shimane branch, and the Higashiizumo branch.

Opening hours · Holidays

Open hours: 9:00am to 6:00pm

(The central branch is open 9:00am~7:00pm March through October)

Holidays: Every Tuesday, the last Friday of every month (or the day before when this falls on a public holiday), temporary closures for inspecting the collection, and the end and beginning of the year.

Library card application and renewal procedures

Upon application, we will confirm your address and contact information. Please bring something that will confirm your date of birth, such as a license or health insurance card. Preschool children need a legal guardian to apply with them.

It is necessary to fill out paperwork to renew the card every five years, but you can continue to use the same card.

Please inform the library if there are changes to your address, contact information, or other relevant information.



Borrowing books

When you are ready to check out books, please bring them and your library card to the counter. One person may check out up to 10 books for two weeks.

It is possible to renew borrowed books for another two week period starting from the book's due date. One book may be renewed one time so long as there is no waitlist on it.



Returning books

Please return your books to the counter by their due date. Your library card is not necessary when making returns.

On holidays or in the early morning and at night when the library is closed, please use the book post.

Book post locations:

Central branch: At the entrance and at the outer wall on the west side of the building

Shimane branch: Entranceway

Higashiizumo branch: Entranceway

When you want to look something up

Please feel free to use the reference corner.

When you want to look up some matter related to daily life or work, or if you cannot find a book you want to read, please consult at the counter.

Putting books on hold or requesting

other books

If the book you want is currently checked out, you can reserve a copy. Once the book is returned, the library will contact you via mail or telephone. Please pick up the book within one week of being contacted.

If the library does not have the book you want, you can make a request for it. The book you requested might be purchased or loaned out from a different library. (It may take several days to do this. We appreciate your understanding.)

Looking for a book you want

You can search through the library's collection using the internet on either your home computer or your phone, or using the computers designated for this within the library.

Furthermore, you can use a password to check your library use and the status of your hold, or to place new holds. Making holds with a password will require your library card and registering your password in advance.