

## Mobile Library

The mobile library is called “Tomoshihi-go” will travel around the city for people who live far from the library. We hope they can enjoy reading books, too.

○The mobile library distributes 2,000 books around the city.

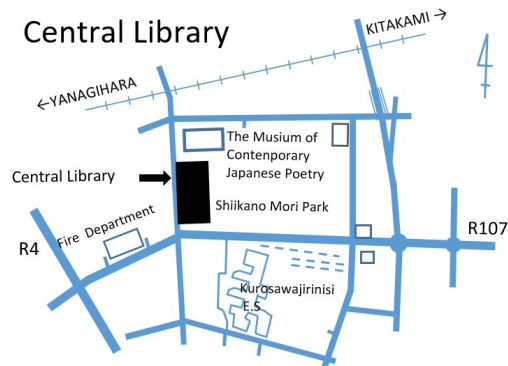
○Each person can borrow up to 10 books. The return date will be set on the mobile library’s following visit. For more information regarding our mobile library, please contact us.

## Events

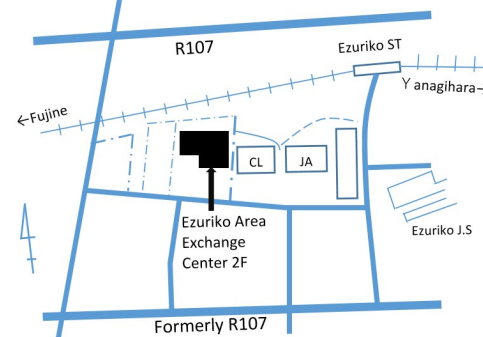
We provide you many events, such as story hour, and various exhibitions.

## Library Volunteers

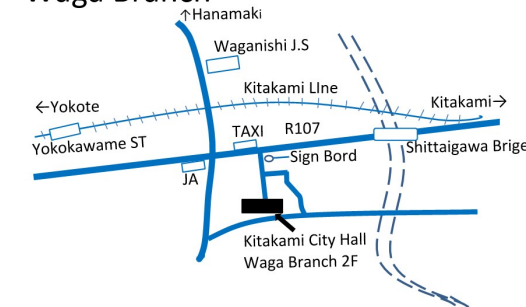
We have Library volunteers who help with the story hour, book repairs, and organizing books. Please contact the library if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.



024-0093 2-5-35 Hongoku-cho, Kitakami-shi  
Phone:0197-63-3359 Fax:0197-63-5545  
Ezuriko Branch



024-0071 17-116 Kami-Ezuriko, Kitakami-shi  
Phone:0197-77-2215  
Waga Branch



024-0331 11-160 Yokokawame, Waga-cho,  
Kitakami-shi Phone:0197-72-8307

**You can borrow books from the above three libraries.**

## Kitakami City Library Guide

City Libraries are public facilities; they are freely available to anyone.

## Hours of Operation

Central Library

Tuesday–Friday : 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday, National Holiday  
: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Ezuriko Branch & Waga Branch

: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Closed Days

- Every Monday (When a Monday falls on a national holiday, the following day, Tuesday will be closed.)
- New Year Holidays
- Special appointed dates for processing books. Both Ezuriko Branch & Waga Branch are closed on national holidays.

## Who can check out a book?

- Residents in Kitakami or people who commute to Kitakami.
- People who live in Hanamaki City, Oshu City, Tono City, Nishi-Waga Town and Kanegasaki Town.

## Registration

To obtain a library card, a person should fill out an application form with your identification card, such as health insurance card, driver’s license, or student ID.

- If you do not use your library card for 3 years, your registration may be canceled.

## How can I borrow a book?

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Bring the books to be borrowed with your library card to the service counter.

Magazines & Books

Up to 10 items for 4 weeks.

CD/ DVD/ Cassette

Up to 6 items for 4 weeks (these items are included in above 10 items).

The library card can be used at all Kitakami City Libraries. (Central, Ezuriko, Waga and mobile library)

You can borrow 10 items from each library.

- If you live outside of Kitakami City, we would like to confirm your identification card once a year.
- Please inform us when you lose your library card, or when you change your name, address or phone number.

## How can I return a book?

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Please return all items to the counter by the return date. When the library is closed, you can return books to the Book Return Post which is located outside of the library. However, when you return CDs, DVDs, and big picture books, you can't return them to the Book Return Post. You should return them inside the library.

- You can return books to any libraries. (Central, Ezuriko, Waga and mobile library)
- We cannot extend rental periods. Please return them within the period. If the books are unreserved, you can borrow them again.

## What if I damage or lose a book?

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When you lose or damage an item, please inform the service counter. Our staff will repair the books, so please do not repair them using tapes or glue by yourself.

If we are unable to fix them, you will be required to pay.

## How do I reserve books?

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When a book is checked out or there is another one in another branch, you will be able to make a reservation.

We request that you fill out the application form to reserve them at the counter. (Up to 10 items)

- You may reserve books through the library web site or the mobile phone website. (Your password will be required in advance.)
- If the library does not own the book you want, please feel free to ask us.

## How to find books

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When you require assistance with research or reference databases, please feel free to ask us at the counter or by phone. You can also use the library search engine.

## Library Website

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You can search for items and check the library events through your computer or mobile phone. After you register your password, you can reserve and confirm the item's availability. Please register at the service counter.

Kitakami City Library Website

<http://www.library-kitakami.jp/>

Mobile phone Website ⇒



## Photocopying Service

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Photocopy is available only for our databases under the Copyright Law. You can copy a single sheet of paper per person. (Charges apply)

## Internet Service

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Wi-Fi service is available for customers. You will be available to bring in your own computer and use our Wi-Fi and internet services. You can charge your devices as well.

## Other Services

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- Audio books, DVDs and CDs
- Home delivery service
- Rental Service—Video materials and playback equipment for groups