NDL Search

iss.ndl.go.jp

NDL Search offers integrated search service for a variety of formats of information owned by the NDL and other institutions such as public libraries, university libraries, archives, museums and academic research institutions, including printed materials, digitized images and information on the Diet and other legislative information, and reference cases.

As of March 2017, the search target contains about 100 databases, amounting to some 89 million data, including books before publishing and materials for persons with disabilities such as Braille and talking books, and DAISY.

You can enjoy its display function using the related keywords, and guide to link to OPAC of other institutions as well as online book stores.

NDL Search aims to be an access point to utilize the wealth of knowledge accumulated by institutions in Japan and abroad.

National Diet Library Online Public Access Catalog

NDL-OPAC

(National Diet Library Online Public Access Catalog and request system)

ndlopac.ndl.go.jp

NDL-OPAC is a database for searching materials of the NDL. You can search about 11 million bibliographic data including Japanese and foreign-language books, Japanese and foreign-language periodicals, Asian language materials, electronic materials and doctoral dissertations, and some 12 million Japanese periodicals Index data. Registered users inside the NDL can make requests to browse materials stored in closed stacks and can make photoduplication requests via the Internet.

National Diet Library Integrated Authentication

Once you set the ID and password in the "Integrated Authentication" screen, you can use the services for registered users in NDL search and NDL-OPAC. We are planning to expand the Integrated Authentication in the other services of the NDL.
Legislative Information Database

This service provides documents and information derived from legislative and other Diet-related activities to the Diet members and the public as a bridge between the Diet and the people in Japan.

Full-text Database System for the Minutes of the Diet

kokkai.ndl.go.jp

Full-texts and images of the Diet session proceedings since the 1st session (May 1947) are available. You can search its texts by session name, speaker name, keywords of the speech, etc.

Database System for the Minutes of the Imperial Diet

tekokugikai-i.ndl.go.jp

This is an image database of the Minutes of the Imperial Diet. You can search all proceedings from the 1st session to the 92nd session (November 1890 to March 1947) by session information such as session name, speaker name, etc. and index; a part of the proceedings of sessions in the postwar era since September 1945 is searchable also by text.

Index Database to Japanese Laws, Regulations and Bills

hourei.ndl.go.jp
dajokan.ndl.go.jp

This database contains information on the decree number, the promulgation dates (dates of announcement in the Official Gazette), dates of amendment, dates of abolition, etc. of the laws, orders and ordinances issued since February 1886. It also contains index information on the bills and draft treaties introduced in the Imperial Diet (1890 to 1947) and the Diet (1947 to present). You can jump to many texts and deliberation processes by the click of a mouse. Index Database to Laws and Regulations in early Meiji Japan contains information on the laws, orders and ordinances promulgated in the period from the Meiji Restoration in 1867 to February 1886.
This database comprises digitized images from collections held by the NDL and other institutions, including images of text and audio-visual materials.

These materials have been categorized into collections, as follows:

The Rare Books and Old Materials Collection comprises Japanese-language materials created before the end of the Edo period (1868) as well as Chinese-language materials created before the end of the Qing dynasty; the Books Collection comprises books acquired prior to 1969 as well as materials on earthquakes and other natural disasters; the Periodicals Collection comprises periodicals from the Meiji period or later and published more than five years ago; the Official Gazette Collection comprises Official Gazettes from the inaugural issue to the issue of April 30, 1952; and the Doctoral Dissertation Collection comprises doctoral dissertations received between FY1991 and FY2000 as well as doctoral dissertations in digital format for which degrees were conferred during or after April 2013.

Materials for which copyright protection has expired are available via the Internet, while those which are still protected by copyright are available for browsing at the NDL.

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**Digitized Contents**

**NDL Digital Collections**

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**Historical Recordings Collection**

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This Collection consists of digitized sound recordings such as these originally on 78rpm records released from around the beginning of 1900 to 1950s in Japan. It includes popular songs, lectures, etc.

* The Historical Records Archive Promotion Conference (HiRAC) has conducted digitization.

The total number of contents: about 49,000 items (about 2,000 of them are provided on the Internet)
The Online Gallery features digital exhibitions of the NDL's unique collections with easy-to-understand explanations.

**Modern Japan and France—adoration, encounter, interaction**

This exhibition features the 150-year history of exchanges between Japan and France. The exhibits cover politics, industry, literature, art, lifestyles and subcultures.

**Birth of the Constitution of Japan**

This exhibition shows 180 important documents with commentaries on how the Constitution of Japan came into being.

**The Landmarks of Edo in Color Woodblock Prints**

This exhibition introduces Nishiki-e (color woodblock prints) of landmark places in Edo. There are four search menus including “Find on a map,” and “Search by Artist,” so you can search for landscape nishiki-e from various aspects.

**The Meiji and Taisho Eras in Photographs**

This exhibition introduces about 1,300 photographs of famous buildings and sights from the end of the 19th century to the beginning of the 20th century, selected from the photo books in our collection.

**Portraits of Modern Japanese Historical Figures**

This exhibition presents about 600 portrait photographs of statesmen, government officials, military officers, businessmen, scholars, cultural figures and others who had an impact on building modern Japanese society.

**Others**

- The Japanese Calendar
- Incunabula – Dawn of Western Printing –
- Fauna and Flora in Illustrations (in Japanese)
- Modern Japan in archives
- Rare books of the National Diet Library –The 60th anniversary–
- 100 years of Japanese Emigration to Brazil
- Japan-Netherlands Exchange in the Edo Period
- Expositions
- Japanese Mathematics in the Edo Period
- Autograph manuscripts and original artwork of well-known people
- Small Digital Exhibitions “Kaleidoscope of Books” (in Japanese)
- The 100th anniversary of the former Imperial Library building (in Japanese)
- Children’s Books Going Overseas from Japan
- Children Books in the Victorian Era from the Winnington-Ingram Collection
- Japanese Children’s Literature
- A teenager’s encyclopedia of the history of Japan during the late Edo and Meiji periods (in Japanese) etc.
Internet materials

WARP  
warp.da.ndl.go.jp

The WARP (Web Archiving Project) has been harvesting and preserving websites in Japan.

Internet resources are updated frequently and may disappear in a short time. The WARP has been archiving websites since 2002, focusing on not only the website of Japanese official institutions including the government, local governments, independent administrative organizations, and universities, but also those of cultural and international events held in Japan and free online journals. The NDL preserves those resources in their original version and passes them on to future generations.

The WARP harvests data from a website several times at regular intervals, and so users can see the website in older versions. Let’s enjoy time-warping to the past Internet world through the WARP!

Cumulative titles: about 11,000 websites  
Number of harvesting: about 120,000 times

[Online publications collected from the Internet]  
dl.ndl.go.jp/?__lang=en

(Click on Online Publications icon on the top page of the NDL Digital Collections.)

In a flood of information on the Internet, it is often difficult to reach an appropriate item of knowledge you need. In order to help you search efficiently, the NDL extracts online publications such as books, periodicals and articles from the archived websites, and assigns them metadata like title, author, etc.

Cumulative titles: about 410,000 titles
RESEARCH NAVI
rnavi.ndl.go.jp

RESEARCH NAVI provides tips for searching, background information, user guides for the Special Materials Rooms of the NDL, recommendations of helpful databases, websites, etc. There are about 6,000 articles including “Guide for Search” and approximately 350,000 items of data such as “Contents Database,” “Introduction of Reference Books,” “Bibliography of Persons in Modern Japanese Politics,” “Database of Journals and Conference Proceedings in Science and Technology,” “Bibliography of Modern Japanese Military Affairs,” “Directory of Companies and Organizations,” “Bibliography of Japanese Biographies (in Humanities),” etc.

Collaborative Reference Database
crd.ndl.go.jp

The Collaborative Reference Database is a useful database for searching research tips of reference examples of the nationwide libraries, from simple questions asked by the library users to current knowledge in various fields.

●●● Bibliographic Data and Authority Data ●●●

Providing Bibliographic Data

From the NDL Search and NDL-OPAC, users can obtain and utilize the bibliographic data in varied formats. With some exceptions, the NDL provides the in-process bibliographic data of the acquired national publications and Japanese language publications published in foreign countries, which are to be listed to the Japanese National Bibliography. The NDL also provides Japanese National Bibliography records of e-books and e-magazines, which we have been acquiring since July 1st, 2013.

The NDL Search is also equipped with an API (Application Programming Interface) for acquisition of such data.

Web NDL Authorities
id.ndl.go.jp/auth/ndla

Web NDL Authorities is a web service which makes it possible to search and utilize the authority data* of the NDL in an integrated way.

The search result of authority data can be downloaded individually and the authority data which are contained in the NDLSH (National Diet Library List of Subject Headings) can be downloaded at once.

Web NDL Authorities opens the authority data to the public in a web-accessible form. Each authority data has a URI (Uniform Resource Identifier), and the RDF (Resource Description Framework), which is the standard data description of the semantic web, enables smooth data sharing and data exchange and a wide range of uses on the varied applications and systems on the web.

*The grounds for the unified form of the access points which provide retrieval cues such as author’s name.
The National Diet Library

Kids’ website

www.kodomo.go.jp/kids/index.html

This website gives a plain description of the National Diet Library and the International Library of Children’s Literature and helps children to do research. It is for third-grader level readers in elementary school, who are learning how to use a library to find answers.

International Library of Children’s Literature

Online Public Access Catalog for Kids

iss.ndl.go.jp/children/top

Online Public Access Catalog for children, targeted at elementary school pupils. The holdings of each room at the International Library of Children’s Literature can be searched here.