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Welcome from the Director





Dear new students,

First of all, congratulations on your admission to Tsinghua University and on embarking upon a new chapter as a member of the Tsinghua community. Throughout your years at Tsinghua, the University Library will support your academic and personal growth with outstanding collections, rich scholarly resources, and professional services.

As the saying goes, "The library is the heart of the university." Founded in 1912, Tsinghua University Library has stood at the heart of the university's academic life for more than a century. From the construction of the Old Library in 1916 to the completion of the North Library in 2016, its main building has been shaped by the successive contributions of three distinguished architects—Henry Killam Murphy (1877–1954), Yang Tingbao (1901–1982), and Guan Zhaoye (1929–2022). Their designs, spanning a century, form a harmonious whole that reflects both continuity and renewal. The castle-like elegance of the Old Library, the stately West Library, and the bright, contemporary North Library have inspired generations of Tsinghua students in their intellectual and personal growth. Within these halls, they have cultivated a sense of responsibility for the nation and the world, pursued excellence with determination, and embraced lives of dedication and service.

In 2026, the global geopolitical landscape, the higher education ecosystem, frontier intelligent technologies, and the scholarly information infrastructure are all undergoing profound transformation. Amid these changes, Tsinghua University Library remains committed to innovation while staying true to its enduring mission. Centered on the university's missions of talent cultivation, scientific research, social service, cultural heritage, and international exchange and cooperation, we will continue to advance the development of a world-class university library in support of Tsinghua's pursuit of excellence.

A repository of knowledge and a guardian of history, Tsinghua University Library stands with enduring dignity.

Dear students, the library, carrying forward more than a century of Tsinghua's intellectual and cultural heritage while continually renewing itself, awaits your arrival. As its newest members, you will pursue knowledge with intellectual rigor, explore the wisdom of the past and the frontiers of knowledges, and create achievements that are uniquely your own at Tsinghua and beyond.

I greatly look forward to welcoming you to Tsinghua University Library.

Dr. Jin Jianbin
Director, Tsinghua University Library

Get to Know the Library





Facts and Figures

- Founded in 1912
- 84,400 square meters
- 4,770 seats
- Main library and six subject libraries
- Over 6 million physical items
- Over 900 electronic databases
- Over 180,000 full-text e-journals
- Over 9 million e-books
- Over 16 million electronic theses and dissertations

Main Library

The Main Library comprises the Old Library, the West Library (also known as the Yifu Library), and the North Library (the Mochtar Riady Library). The first two buildings share a similar architectural style, whereas the North Library features a modern design. Together, they form a cohesive unit that harmonizes with other buildings on the central campus.



Old Library

As the name suggests, the Old Library traces its history back to 1916, when it was first library built at Tsinghua. It is known for its quaint style and architectural beauty. It is one of the four early buildings at Tsinghua University.



West Library and North Library

West Library was built in 1991. North Library was completed in early 2016 and forms a joint complex with West Library.

West Library primarily features an extensive collection on science, technology and medicine, whereas North Library predominantly houses works on the humanities and social sciences. Both libraries not only offer the opportunity to borrow books, but also a serene environment for reading and studying on-site.

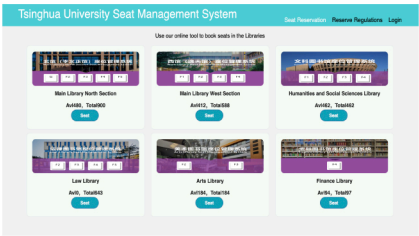
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North Library covers an area of about 15,000 square meters has a capacity of over 600,000 books. There are plenty of seats available in the North Library. From the second to the fifth floor, you will find big and antique tables with wooden armchairs. Power outlets are available under the tables. If you feel like relaxing or want to have a discussion in an open space, the first-floor leisure reading area, equipped with power outlets and comfortable sofas, would be a good choice.

Individual Study Rooms and Group Study Rooms in North Library

You can enjoy a quiet study atmosphere in the individual study rooms of the North Library. There are several 20-square-meter group study rooms for group discussion. They are equipped with television screens for projections.

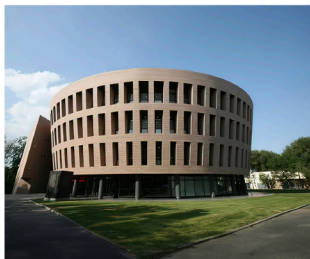


The Music Hall, located within the North Library, has two discussion rooms which are ideal for groups to immerse themselves in musical and audiovisual experiences.

If you want to use these rooms, you may need to make a reservation in advance.

Please visit the following website: <http://cab.lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/>

Subject libraries



Humanities and Social Sciences Library

The whole building is designed in the shape of a key, symbolizing its role as a golden key to knowledge. The library has a total floor area of 20,000 square meters across 7 floors, with more than 900 seats available for research and study.

The library houses a physical collection of approximately one million volumes, comprising mainly books and periodicals covering a wide range of subjects in the humanities and social sciences. In addition to regular publications, the library also houses an extensive collection of significant classical texts and reference works.



Arts Library

If you're keen on arts and design, why not pay a visit to the Academy of Arts & Design? The Arts Library is located on floors one to three in Area A. It spans 3,000 square meters and offers 200 seats. The library boasts an impressive collection of more than 240,000 printed items. Furthermore, there are over 80,000 e-books, 500 e-journals, and around 20 electronic databases available for your perusal.

Finance Library

The Finance Library located within the PBC School of Finance at Wudaokou, near the eastern entrance of the campus. It is divided into two distinct sections: an open stack area and an underground book vault. The library spans approximately 1,200 square meters and holds around 100 seats. The Finance Library houses over 100,000 printed volumes and provides access to 10 financial terminals, including Bloomberg and Wind.

Law Library

The Law Library is currently located in the Leo Koguan Building of School of Law. If you are a law major, this could be the best place to conveniently access the resources you need. The Law Library has more than 200,000 printed volumes and subscribes to multiple professional legal databases. Its featured collections are "Basic Law Library", "Tian Tao Library", and classics of German and Japanese law. It has more than 600 seats and 12 individual study rooms.

Economics & Management Library

The library is located on the fifth floor of Jianhua Building of the School of Economics and Management (SEM). The library was established in 1985 and occupies a vast area of over 700 square meters. It houses an extensive collection of more than 100,000 economics and management books, including over 10,000 books in foreign languages. Furthermore, approximately 3,000 new books are added annually to the library's collection. The main purpose of the SEM Library is to serve the needs of all SEM teachers and students, while also serving as a resource center for readers from other schools within Tsinghua University.

Architecture Library

The library is located on the third floor of the School of Architecture. The Architecture Library has more than 70,000 books, mainly covering architecture, urban planning, and landscape architecture. The collection also includes books on philosophy, history, literature, and other humanities disciplines. In addition, the library has a valuable collection of ancient Chinese books, architectural drawings, and models dating back to the Qing Dynasty.

Note:

You can access and borrow books from these subject libraries with your IC card. However, there is a limit of 20 books per person if you are not a student from the associated department, except for the Humanities and Social Sciences Library, Finance Library and Law Library.

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English Homepage



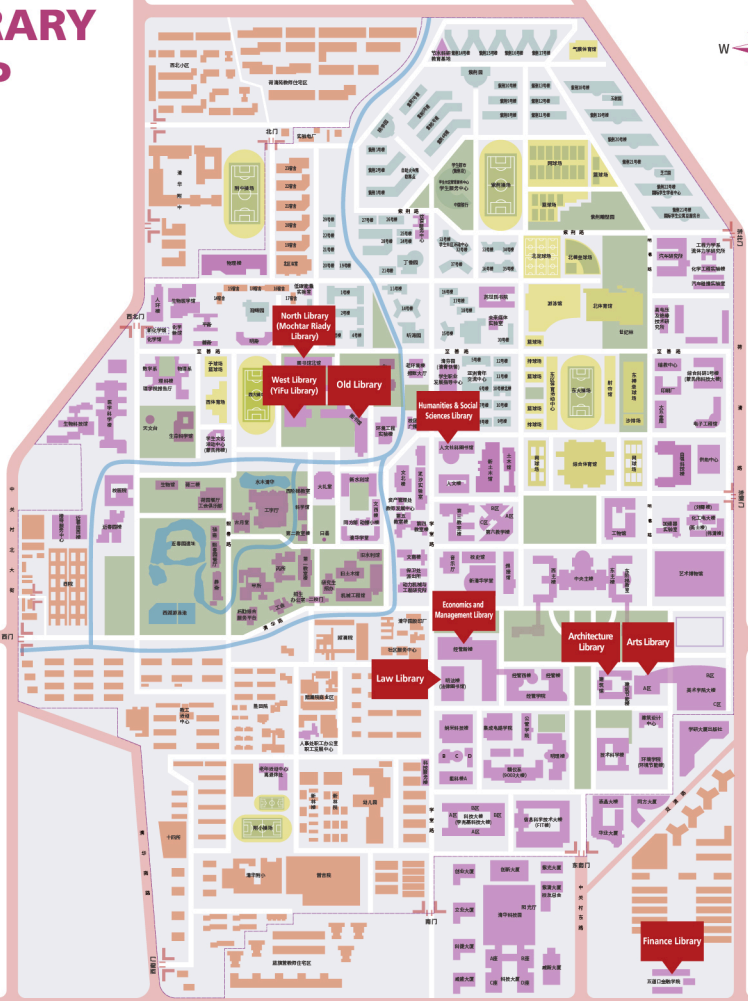
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MAP



Opening Hours

· *West Library and North Library:*

8:00-22:00
Monday to Sunday

· *Old Library:*

7:30-22:30
Monday to Sunday

· *Subject Libraries:*

Subject Libraries:	Service phone number	Opening hours	
		Monday to Friday	Saturday to Sunday
Humanities & Social Sciences Library	62798676	8:00 ~ 22:00	8:00 ~ 22:00
Arts Library	62798810	8:00 ~ 21:00	Saturday 9:30 ~ 17:00 Sunday closed
Finance Library	62772511	8:00 ~ 22:00	14:00 ~ 22:00
Law Library	62772955	8:00 ~ 22:00	8:00 ~ 22:00
Economics & Management Library	62788015	8:00 ~ 22:00	8:00 ~ 22:00
Architecture Library	62794481	8:00 ~ 12:00 13:00 ~ 17:00	closed

Note:
For opening hours during holidays, vacations, or special periods, as well as the contact details of each library, please refer to the library website.

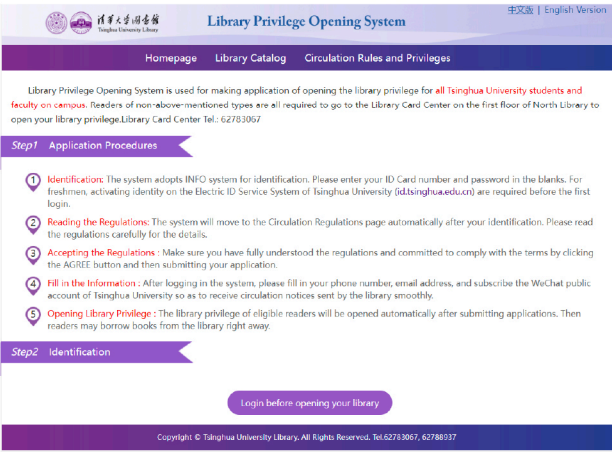
Library Services



Borrowing and Returns

Activate Borrowing Services

As a new user, you need to activate the borrowing service by logging in on the library's English homepage (<http://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/>) and selecting "Library Privilege Opening" (http://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/Services/Library_Privilege_Opening.htm). The system uses the INFO system for identification. For freshmen, identity activation on the Electronic ID Service System of Tsinghua University (id.tsinghua.edu.cn) is required before the first login.



As soon as your application is submitted, the borrowing service will be activate, and you can borrow books from the library immediately. For more information, please click on the "Borrowing" button on the homepage.

Borrowing Privileges

With a valid Student IC Card, you can access and borrow books according to the borrowing privileges listed below:

• **Loan Quotas**

Categories of borrowers	Loan quotas	Hold quotas
Faculty/ Graduate students/ Undergraduate students	100 books	20 books
International Non-degree Program Students	5 books	5 books

• **Loan Periods for General Books**

Categories of borrowers	Periods	Renewals allowed
All borrowers	8 weeks	Up to 32 weeks (224 days)

• **Returning Books**

- 1) You can return books to the library where you borrowed them.
- 2) Books from the Main Library and the six subject libraries may be returned at any library. (During special periods, the circulation policy may vary; please check the library homepage for the latest updates.)
- 3) During the library's closed hours, you can return books using the self-service return machines available 24 hours a day at the east side of North Library or Humanities & Social Sciences Library.

• **Manage Your Account**

After logging in on the library's English homepage, select "My Library" to check your circulation record (including items checked out, items on hold, unpaid fines, and reading history) and update your account information.

• **Online Reservation**

All books from the Main Library (including the Old Library) and the six subject libraries, namely the Humanities & Social Sciences Library, Law Library, Arts Library, Finance Library, Architecture Library, and Economics & Management Library, may be reserved via the "Shuimu Search" system. (Note: English-language textbooks and reference materials designated by faculty members in the Economics and Management Library are excluded.) You will be notified by email or WeChat once the requested book is available. The requested book will be kept at loan desk or reservation cabinet for only 3 days.

Renewals

You may renew books online, and the new due date will be 8 weeks after the renewal date. You may renew books multiple times; however, the maximum loan period for general books (8-week loan) is 32 weeks (224 days).

Requests and Recalls

Books with a loan period of more than 28 days that are requested by other readers are subject to recall. Once recalled, the book’s due date will be changed. A recall notice will be sent to readers via email or WeChat message (subscribe to the “THU Information Services” WeChat public account). The new due date will also be displayed in the reader’s circulation record. Readers should return the recalled books on or before the new due date.

Overdue Fines

Readers who fail to return books by the due date will be charged as follows:

Loan Type	Fees
8-week loan	¥0.20 / day



Interlibrary Loan

The Interlibrary Loan Service enables users to request materials that are not available in Tsinghua University Library. You can log in to the Tsinghua University Library ILL System (http://lib.tsing.hua.edu.cn/en/Borrowing/Interlibrary_Loan.htm) to submit a request online.

The Library provides financial support to Tsinghua University faculty and students for interlibrary loan and document delivery. Therefore, most materials delivered domestically are free of charge. For additional information regarding fees, please refer to the Interlibrary Loan Service webpage.

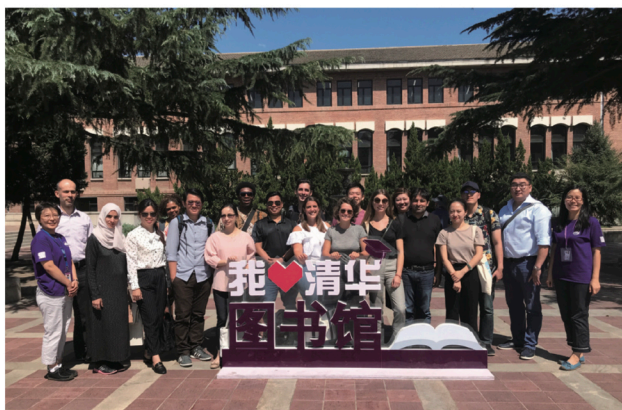


Email and WeChat Notification

All library circulation reminders, such as due-date reminders, overdue notices, hold pickups notices, and recalls, can be sent to patrons via email and WeChat messages. After signing in through “My Library” on the homepage or “Sign in” on “Discover@THU”, click “Personal Details” and then the “Edit” button to register your email and mobile phone number for circulation alerts. To receive library circulation notifications via WeChat, you need to add the official account “THU Information Services” as a contact. When you have changed your email address or mobile phone number, remember to update your information in your library account.

THU Information Services WeChat





Learning and Research Support

Ask a Librarian

Please ask the librarians for help if you have any questions about using the library. You can call 010-62782137 or email us (ref-desk@tsinghua.edu.cn). You can also visit the Information and Services Desk on the first floor of North Library for any inquiries. Or click the “Ask a Librarian” button at the top of the English homepage for online support.

Orientation

Orientation sessions are held annually to introduce new students to our library's resources and services. International students are invited to join English-guided tours, details of which are available in the “NEWS” section of our website and at the library entrance.

Tours start promptly at the entrance; no prior booking is required. Join us for a quick overview of our library's treasures. We look forward to guiding you through your academic journey at Tsinghua.

Library Credit Courses

The library's curriculum is designed for undergraduates and graduate students, including required and optional courses, such as Introduction to Library, Information Retrieval and Utilization, Information Literacy - An Essential Skill for Academic Research. You are welcomed to take elective courses to systematically improve your information literacy and enhance your learning and research abilities.

Workshops

The library provides training workshops on topics such as information retrieval and management, library resources and services, research methods and AI tools (e.g., Deepseek for academic research), to improve your library skills and information literacy. The training schedule can be found in the "EVENTS" section of the website or on the library's official WeChat account.

If you have special needs or require customized training lectures, please contact us via email at help@tsinghua.edu.cn or your subject librarian.

Subject Librarians

To enhance the utilization of library resources by faculty and students, Tsinghua University Library has appointed subject librarians for each academic department. These librarians offer a range of services including library instruction, research consultation, and novelty search services. We encourage you to reach out to your subject librarian for assistance. For more details, please visit the following website: http://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/Researchsupport/Subject_librarians.htm



Facilities

Computers and Network

- Computers are available in all libraries, such as the Music Hall (Room 306) in West Library and the Information Commons in Humanities and Social Sciences Library.
- Access to the network on campus requires a campus ID. Each Tsinghua student, faculty and staff member is assigned a campus ID upon joining the university and can manage it through the Tsinghua University Network Account Settings Website.
- Tsinghua Information Technology Center is responsible for the management and related charges of all campus IDs.
- Patrons can use their own laptops or mobile phones for campus wireless access in the library buildings. Please choose an available SSID: Tsinghua-IPv4, Tsinghua-IPv6, Tsinghua-Secure.

Photocopying and Printing

There are self-service machines for photocopying, scanning, and printing in each library. If you have any difficulties, please ask the library staff for assistance.

Lost and Found

The reception room on the first floor of West Library works as the property office.

Café and Bakery

The first floor, North Library

The ground floor, Humanities and Social Sciences Library

Vending Machine

The first floor, West Library and North Library

The ground floor, Humanities and Social Sciences Library

Bookshop

The 24-hour bookshop “Ye Jia Xuan” is located on the ground floor of the North Library. Besides newly published books, there are also many reading events, such as book talks and reading salons, held in the bookshop. Join these events and enjoy the reading experience.

E-Library

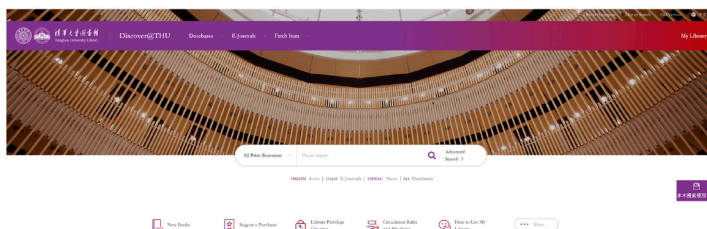


Access to E-library

English Homepage

Visit "<https://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/>", or click the "English" icon in the top-right corner of the Chinese version (<https://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/>).

While using the library's electronic resources on campus, you can automatically access most databases through IP authentication. If you are using the library's resources off-campus, you will need to authenticate through the system.



Off-campus Access Services

When you are off campus, you can also access the e-resources subscribed to by the library. The Intelligent Gateway allows you to pass through the standard authentication interface automatically for most databases.

There are several other ways to access the library e-resources when off campus. You can access many databases through the Electronic Resources Remote Accessing Control System (<http://e-proxy.lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/reader/user/login>). Your User ID is your student ID number, and your password is the same as the one you use to access the Tsinghua Information Portal. For more details, please visit: <http://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/tjfw/xwfw.htm>.



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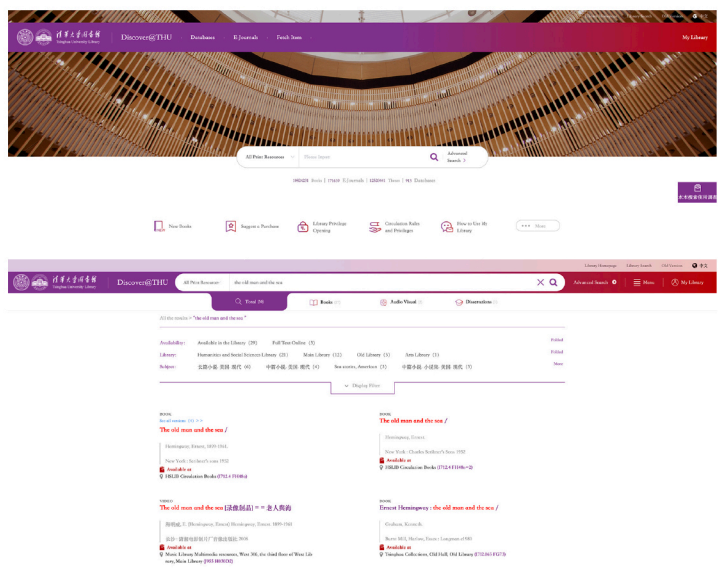
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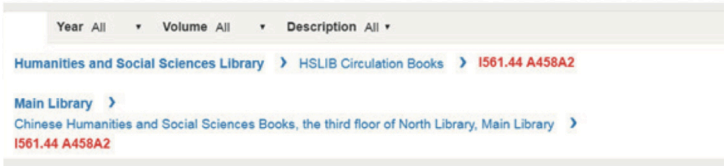
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Searching for Resources at E-library

By clicking "DISCOVER@THU" on the English homepage, you can access [Shuimu Search \(水木搜索\)](#), which provides simple, one-stop searching for books and e-books, journal articles, theses and dissertations, videos, and more. You may choose to search items within "All", "All Print Resources", or "E-Resources". "Advanced search" can be used to conduct more complex searches using specific fields such as title, author, subject, call number, document number, and ISBN/ISSN. As for e-books, the search results provide direct access to the relevant online resources. You may read the full text by following the link.



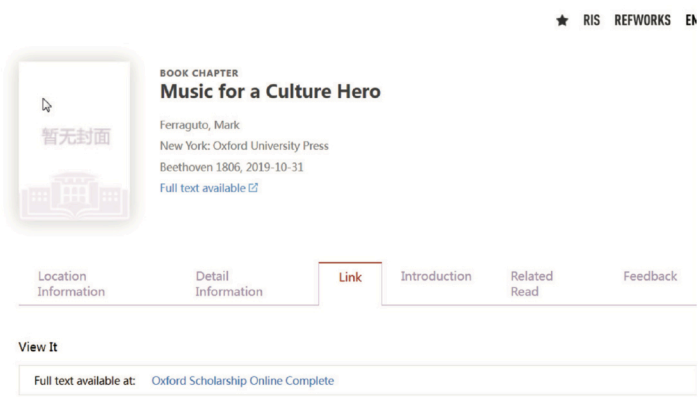
For printed books, the search results provide information about the location, availability and call numbers. You can then go to the appropriate location in the library to find the book.



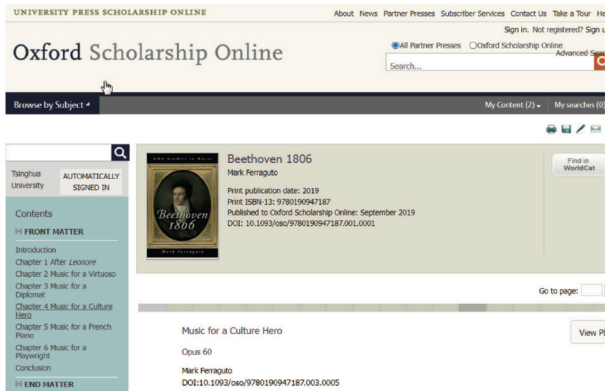
If the status reads "Item in place", you can find the book on the shelf right away. If it reads "due + a future date", the book is currently unavailable. You can log in to your "My Library Card" account and place a request.

Searching for Electronic Versions

On the “Shuimu Search” page, you can select "Electronic Resources" in the Collection column and enter your keywords.



After selecting the item you need, proceed to its detailed information page, where you will find several external links to the required e-resource.

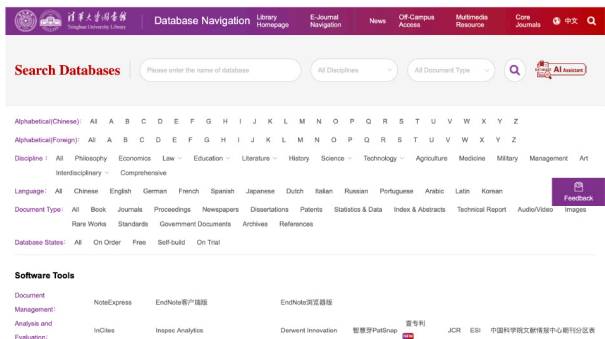


Online Academic Resources and Links

The library has subscribed to a wide variety of online resources, including books, periodicals and newspapers, theses and dissertations, conference proceedings, encyclopedias, and multimedia databases.

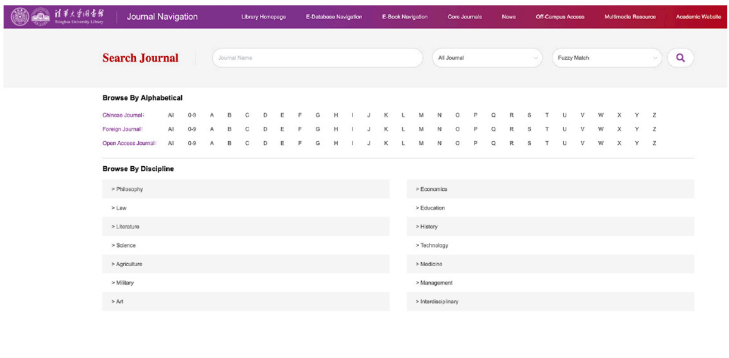
Database Navigation

Click "Database" on the English homepage. You can search the database you need by keyword, initials, subject, or type. Some helpful tools, including EndNote, NoteExpress, and SPSS, as well as commonly used databases, are listed with hyperlinks.



E-Journal Navigation

Click "E-Journal" on the English homepage. You can search for electronic journals by keyword, browse them alphabetically by clicking on the initials from A to Z, or browse them by subject. The links provide direct access to these journals.



Frequently Used Databases

- Comprehensive databases in Chinese: CNKI (中国知网), Wanfang(万方数据), Chaoxing ebooks (超星电子图书), etc.
- Comprehensive databases in English: Web of Science, Scopus, Elsevier ScienceDirect, Springer, Wiley, Taylor & Francis, etc.
- Science & Technology: Nature, Science, IEEE, PubMed, MathSciNet, SciFinder, etc.
- Social Sciences: ProQuest, EBSCO, ERIC, etc.
- Arts & Humanities: JSTOR, ARTstor, Project Muse, etc.
- Publications from professional associations: ACM, ACS, AIAA, IEEE,RSC, SAE, etc.
- Theses & Dissertations: ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global, THU Electronic Thesis, etc.
- Patents: Derwent Innovations Index, Patentcloud, etc.

FAQ for International Students



*** Does the library homepage have an English version? And library catalog?**

Yes. The library aims to provide user-friendly services to all users, including international students. Both the library homepage and catalog are available in English. Please visit the following URL: <http://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/index.htm> and click "DISCOVER@THU".

*** Do I need a card to enter the library?**

Yes, you need to swipe your student card to enter all libraries. Please do not lend your card to or borrow a card from others; otherwise, you may be subject to penalties in accordance with the Card Violations Policy.

*** I am reading a non-circulating book. Where can I make a copy?**

You can use the self-service printing machines available in the library. If you need assistance, please ask the staff at the Information and Services Desk for help.

*** Can I use the e-resources while I'm abroad?**

Yes. You can access the library's e-resources while off campus by using the Electronic Resources Remote Accessing Control System (<http://eproxy.lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/reader/user/login>). There are several other ways to access the library's e-resources. For more information, please visit: <http://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/tjfw/xwfw.htm>.

*** Who can help me if I have questions about using the library?**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the librarian at the Information and Services Desk on the first floor of North Library for assistance. You can also call (010-62782137), or email (ref-desk@tsinghua.edu.cn).

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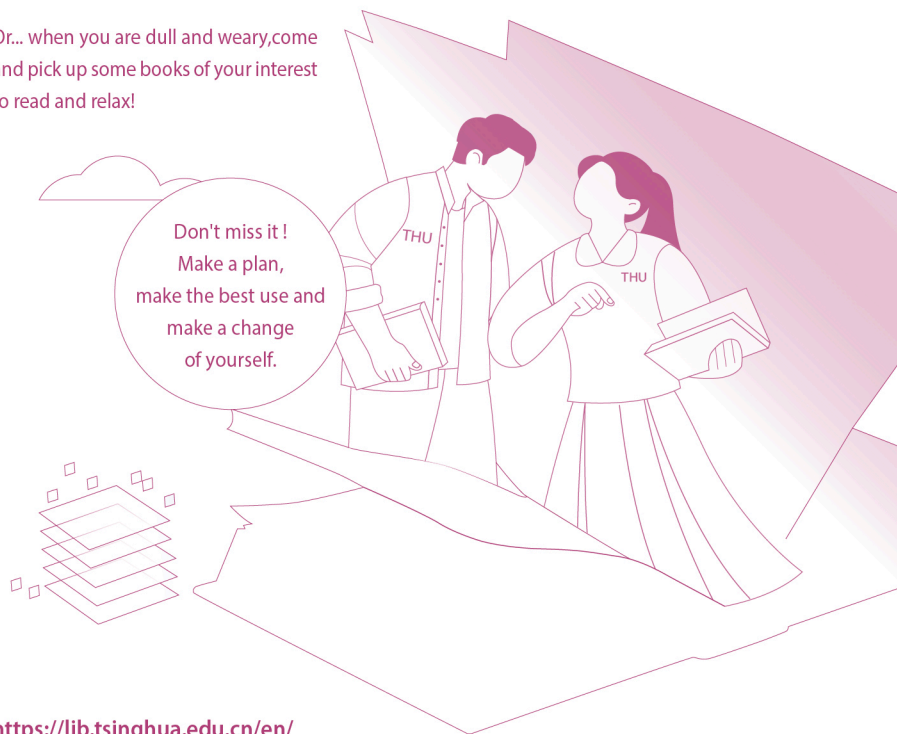
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Library, with books, magazines, journals, newspapers offer you a wealth of information for your research; provide you with a world of knowledge, promote liberal education.

The best choice for self-study, group discussion, preparation for presentations;

Or... when you are dull and weary, come and pick up some books of your interest to read and relax!



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