

2025 USER MANUAL

Welcome to the best place of Qinghua Yuan
——Tsinghua University Library

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Welcome from the Director



Dear new student,

First of all, congratulations on joining Tsinghua University and embarking on a new journey as a Tsinghua student! The library will provide you with high-quality resources and professional services for your all-round development at Tsinghua.

As the saying goes, "the library is the heart of the university." Tsinghua University Library was established in 1912. From the Old Library's construction in 1916 to the completion of the North Library in 2016, the Library was designed and completed by the combined efforts of three distinguished architects from China and abroad, including Henry Killam Murphy(1877-1954), Yang Tingbao (1901-1982), and Guan Zhaoye (1929-2022). Over the past century, the Library has undergone continuous development and cultural renewal, embodying a blend of tradition and modernity. The Old Library, with its castle-like grandeur and elegance, the magnificent West Library, and the bright and translucent North Library, serve as venues where generations of Tsinghua students undergo transformation. These libraries bear witness to the youthful aspirations and patriotic sentiments of these students, who take the world as their responsibility, pursue excellence, and demonstrate a willingness to dedicate themselves to their country and the world.

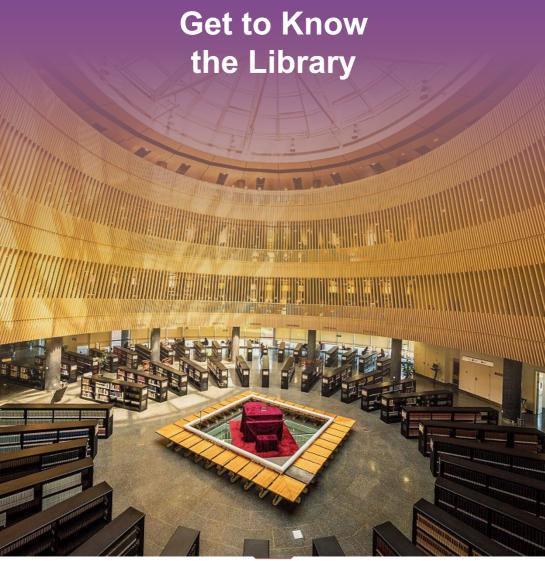
Entering a new era, we center our efforts on talent cultivation, scientific research, social service, cultural inheritance, and international exchange and cooperation. With a commitment to innovation and leadership, we strive to build an outstanding world-class university library.

On the left knowledge is preserved, on the right history is recorded, and the Tsinghua Library stands tall, symbolizing our dedication and importance.

Dear student, the library that carries the hundred-year cultural heritage of Tsinghua University awaits your arrival. We look forward to welcoming you as the new residents of this place, where knowledge is pursued, ancient wisdom is explored, and the brilliance of your generation is created.

I eagerly look forward to welcoming you at the library!

Dr. Jin Jianbin Director, Tsinghua University Library





Facts and Figures

- · Founded in 1912
- · 84,400 square meters
- · 4,019 seats
- · Main library and six subject libraries
- · Over 6 million physical items
- · About 900 electronic databases
- · Over 170,000 full-text e-journals
- · About 9 million e-books
- · More than 15 million electronic theses and dissertations

Main Library

The Main Library is comprised of Old Library, West Library (also known as Yifu Library), and North Library (Mochtar Riady Library). The first two buildings have a similar architectural style, while the North Library employs a modern design. Together, they form a cohesive unit that harmonizes with other buildings on the central campus.



Old Library

As its name shows, the Old Library traces its history back to 1916 as the first library built in Tsinghua. It is known for its quaint style and antique beauty in architecture. It is one of the four early buildings in Tsinghua University.



West Library and North Library

West Library was built in 1991. North Library was finished in early 2016 and is in conjunction with West Library.

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

Please reserve a seat at Homepage-"Space"-"Seats Reservation" or follow the link https://seat.lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/



North Library covers an area of about 15,000 square meters with 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. Outlets are under the tables. If you feel like relaxing or want to have a discussion in an open space, the leisure reading area equipped with outlets and comfortable sofas on the first floor 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 additionally boasts two discussion rooms, ideally suited for groups to immerse themselves in musical and audio-visual 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 total floor area covers 20,000 square meters over 7 stories, with more than 900 seats provided for research and study. (Currently closed due to renovation.)

The library houses a physical collection of approximately one million volumes, and its collection mainly comprises books and periodicals covering a wide range of subjects in the field of humanities and social sciences. In addition to regular publications, its holdings feature a concentrated 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 Buildings? The Arts Library is located on floors one to three in Area A. It spans 3,000 square meters and 200 seats are available. 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, situated within the PBC School of Finance at Wudaokou, can be found 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 inside the Leo Koguan Building of Law School. If you are a law major, this could be the best place to gain access to resources you need conveniently. The Law Library has more than 200,000 volumes of printed resources 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 foreign language books. Furthermore, approximately 3,000 new books are added annually to the library's collection. The main purpose of the SEM Library is to cater to 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 on the third floor of the building of School of Architecture. The Architecture Library has more than 70,000 books, mainly on architecture, urban planning, and landscape. The collection also includes books on philosophy, history, literature, and other humanities disciplines. In addition, the library has a precious collection of ancient Chinese books and 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 limitof 20 books per person if you are not a student from the associated department, except the Humanitiesand Social Sciences Library, Finance Library and Law Library.

Welcome to visit our website:



Tsinghua University Library English Homepage

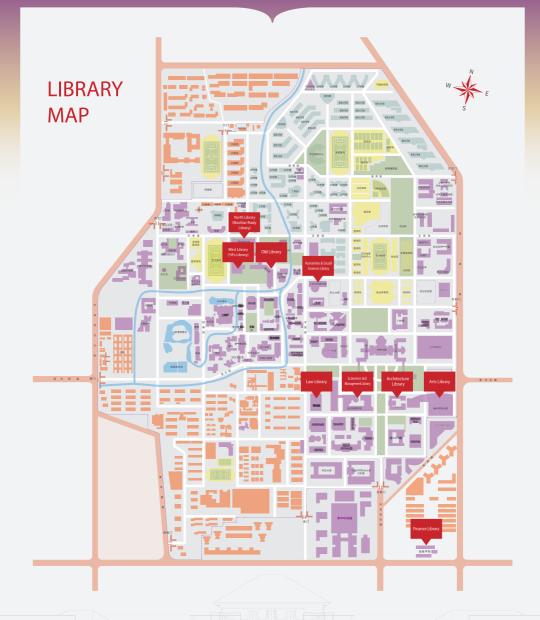


Tsinghua University Library New Students Webpage



Tsinghua University Library WeChat





Opening Hours

West Library and North Library:

Old Library:

8:00~22:00 Sunday to Monday 7:30~22:30 Sunday to Monday

Subject Libraries:

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Subject Libraries	phone number	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 and the contact details of each library, please refer to the library website.



Borrowing and Returns

Activate Borrowing Services

As a new user, you need to activate borrowing service by click on English homepage(http://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/)--"Library Privilege Opening"(http://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/Services/Library_Privilege _Opening.htm). The system adopts INFO system for identification. For freshmen, activating identity on the Electric ID Service System of Tsinghua University (id. tsinghua.edu.cn) are required before the first login.



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

Borrowing Privileges

Upon presenting a valid University IC card, you can access and borrow books according to the privilege listed below:

Loan Quotas

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

Loan periods for general books

Categories of borrowers	Periods	Renewals allowed
All borrowers	8 weeks	Up to 32 weeks(244 days)

Loan periods for general books

- 1) You can return books where you borrowed them.
- 2) Books from Main Library and the six subject libraries can be returned at any library. (During special period, the circulation policy may be different from usual, please check the latest news on the library homepage.)
- 3) During the closed hours of the Library, you can return books by Self-service Returning Machine (for 24 hours) at the east side of North Library.

Borrowing Privileges

After logging in the library English homepage-My Library, you can check your own circulation record containing information (e.g., items currently checked out, items on hold and unpaid fines, reading history) and modify your account information.

Online reservation

You can reserve books that have been checked out to other users or the books in closed stack area. You will be notified by E-mail or WeChat once the requested book is available. The requested book will be kept at loan desk or reservation cabinet only for 3 days.

Renewals

You may renew books online and the new expiration date is 8 weeks after the renewal date. You may renew books for many times, however the longest period for general books (8- week loan) is 32 weeks (224 days).

Requests and Recalls

The books (more than 28-day loan) in circulation requested by other readers are subject to recall. Once being recalled, the due date for the books will be changed. A recall notice will be sent to readers via e-mail or WeChat message (subscribe the WeChat public account of "THU Information Services"). The new due date will also be displayed in the circulation record of readers. Readers should return the recalled books on or before the new due dates.

Overdue Fines

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

Loan Type	Fees
8-weeks loan	¥0.20 / days



Interlibrary Loan

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

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



The quota for the requests of each person is:

^{*} Standards and technical reports delivered in domestic: 60 requests every year.

^{*} All materials delivered overseas: 20 requests every year.

Email and WeChat Notifcation

All library circulation reminders, such as coming due, overdue, hold pick-ups, recalls, can be sent to patrons via e-mail or WeChat message. After "Sign in" (homepage- My library OR Discover@THU-Sign in), click "Personal Details" and then "Edit" button to register your e-mail and mobile phone number to receive the circulation alert. You need to "Add contact" with the Official Account of "THU Information Services" and then you may get library circulation notification by WeChat. When you have changed your email address or mobile phone number, remember to update your information of your library account.

THU Information Services WeChat





Learning and Research Support

Ask a Librarian

Please ask the librarians for help when you have any question in using the libraries. You can call 010-62782137 or email us (ref-desk@tsinghua.edu.cn). You can also come to the Information and Services Desk on the first foor of North Library for any inquiries. Or just click the button "Ask a Librarian" on the top of 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 on our website's "NEWS" section 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. Welcome to take elective courses to systematically improve your information literacy and enhance learning and research abilities.

Workshops

The library provides training workshops to improve your library skills and information literacy, such as information retrieval and management, library resources and services, research methods and advanced tools. Training schedule can be found at "EVENTS" on the website or WeChat official account of the library.

If you have special needs or require customized training lecture, please contact us via email at hanlf@mail.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 detail, please visit the following website:http://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/Research support/Subject_librarians.htm



Facilities

Computers and Network

Computers are provided 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 reguires a campus ID. Each Tsinghua student, faculty and staff member is assigned a campus ID when they join the University, and can manage the campus ID through Tsinghua University Network Account Settings Website.

Tsinghua Information Technology Center is responsible for the management and charge of all campus IDs.

Patrons can use their own laptops or mobile phones for campus wireless access in the library buildings. Please choose SSID available: Tsinghua-IPv4,Tsinghua-IPv6,Tsinghua-Secure.

Photocopying and Printing

There are some self-service machines to photocopy, scan and print in each library. If you have any difficulty, turn to the library staff for help.

Lost and Found

The reception room on the lst floor of West Library works as the property offce.

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 opening bookshop "Ye Jia Xuan" is on the ground floor, North Library. Besides newly-published books available, there are also a lot of reading events like book talk, reading salon held in the bookshop. Welcome to join them and enjoy the reading experience.



E-Library

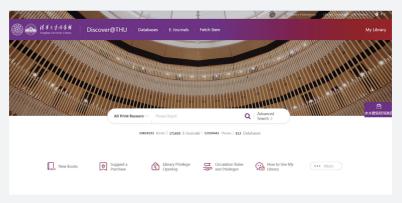


Access to E-library

English Homepage

Enter"https://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/", or click on the "English"icon at the top right corner of the Chinese version (https://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/).

If you use 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

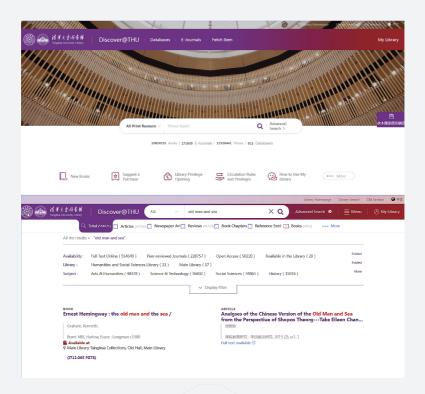
When you are off campus, you can also access the e-resources subscribed by the library. With the application of Intelligent Gateway, it may get you through the standard authentication interface automatically for most databases.



There are several other ways to access the library e-resources when off campus. You may use a lot of databases through the Electronic Resources Remote Accessing Control System (http://e-proxy.lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/reader/ user/login). User ID is your student ID number, and Password is as same as you access Tsinghua Information Portal. See more detail, please visit: http://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/tjfw/xwfw.htm.

Searching for resources at E-library

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



As for printed books, the results lead to details about library location, availability and call numbers. Then you may go to the right location to get the copy in the library.

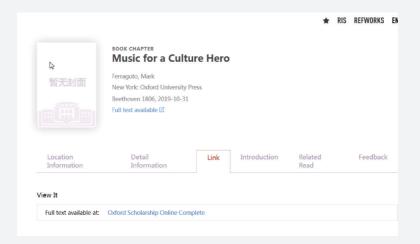
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If the status reads "Item in place", you can find the book on the shelf right the moment. If it reads "due + a future date", the book is currently unavailable. You can log in your "My Library Card" account and make a request.

Searching for Electronic Versions

In the "Shuimu Search" page, you may select "Electronic Resources" in the Collection column and enter your keywords.



After you select the item you need and proceed into the page about detailed information, you will see several external links to the e-resource required.

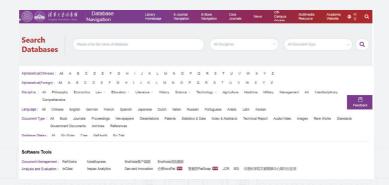


Online Academic Resources and Links

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

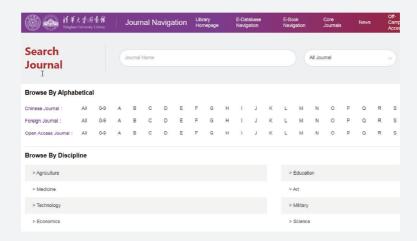
Database Navigation

Click "Database" on the English homepage. You can find the database you need by keyword searching, initials, subjects, and types. Some helpful tools (including EndNote, NoteExpress, and SPSS) and common databases by hyperlinks are listed.



E-Journal Navigation

Click "E-journal" on the English homepage. You can sort electronic journals by keyword search, clicking on the initials from A to Z, or browsing according to different subjects. The links provide 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 is aimed to be user-friendly to all users, including foreign students. English versions of both homepage and catalog are available. Please visit the following URL: http://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/en/index.htm and click the button "DISCOVER@THU".

* Do I need a card to enter the library?

Yes, you need to swing your student card to enter all libraries. Please do not borrow or lend cards, otherwise you will be penalized according to Card Violations Policy.

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

You may use self-printing service. There are several self-service machines in the library. If you need assistance, just turn to the Information and Services Desk for help.

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

Yes. You may access the library e-resources when you are off campus by visiting Electronic Resources Remote Accessing Control System (http://eproxy. lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/reader/user/login). There are several other ways to access the library e-resources. See more detail, please visit: http://lib.tsinghua.edu.cn/tjfw/xwfw.htm.

* Who can help me when I have questions in 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 inquiry and instruction, or by call(010-62782137), by email (ref-desk@ tsinghua.edu.cn).

Note:

How to join the library work? If you want to be a library assistant or volunteer, please contact us by email (ref-desk@tsinghua.edu.cn).



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