



## Central Library Air-Conditioning Renovation Scheduled!!



As noted in President's Message No. 145 dated January 19, the Central Library will undertake air-conditioning improvement work to enhance the environment, based on requests from last year's student survey and under the President's direction. Further details will be announced once finalized.



## "The Name of the Rose [Complete Edition]" Published

The Name of the Rose (1980), written by Italian semiotician Umberto Eco (1932–2016), has been published in a Complete Edition in December 2025. The story follows Brother William—reminiscent of Sherlock Holmes—as he investigates a series of murders in a medieval Italian monastery. The novel became a worldwide bestseller and was adapted into a film directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud and starring Sean Connery. The Japanese translation first appeared in 1990 and continues to be highly regarded as a mystery classic.

The work is presented as a Latin manuscript written by Adso, a novice monk, in his old age, which Eco "translated" into Italian—a highly elaborate metafictional structure. References and motifs from classics such as The Divine Comedy and The Library of Babel appear throughout, offering readers a rich

intellectual experience. Meanwhile, the exploration of the labyrinth-like library by William and Adso provides a sense of adventure that can be enjoyed even when some parts of the text are challenging.

The monastery library—where books, and thus knowledge, represent a form of power—invites readers to reconsider the importance of free access to knowledge today, resonating with the perspectives of open access and open science.

The Complete Edition reflects corrections made in the original text, includes the previously published "Notes," and features numerous materials such as Eco's own map of the library and illustrations of characters and the monastery. A list of related Japanese literature is also included, helping readers delve deeper into the world of the novel.



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To "OPAC"

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**Long-term book lending during Year-end and Spring vacations.**

Long-term book loans for Hiroshima University students have begun on January 31.

Undergraduate students: until March 23, 2026 (Mon)

Graduate students: until March 14, 2026 (Sat)

Due date for all loans: April 14, 2026 (Tue)

Note: For final-year students—those graduating, advancing, or repeating a year—the due date is March 23, 2026 (Mon). Please also refer to the information shown on the left.



Read lots of books !

See here for details.→



**Requests for graduating students (Including those leaving the university).**

Thank you for using the Hiroshima University Library over the years.

Before leaving the University, please make sure that you have returned all borrowed materials.

All campus libraries, except the Eastern Library, accept returns.

When the library is closed, please use the book drop.

Students who will remain enrolled after April and wish to borrow materials before receiving a new student ID must complete a procedure. Please check the notices on 'Momiji' or ask at the library counter.

See here for details.→



**INFORMATION PART2**

**February Library Exhibitions**

**Central Library: "Books on Oni (Demons)"**

In connection with Setsubun in February, we are showcasing books related to oni.

**Higashi-senda Library: "Waiting for Spring"**

This exhibition features materials related to Japan's four seasons and annual events, under the theme "Waiting for Spring."

**West Library: "Choco! Author Map"**

Created by HULS student supporters, this map places popular authors along two axes—"sweet vs. bitter" and "hard vs. soft"—with related materials on display.

**Kasumi Library: "Enhancing Concentration"**

Books selected from psychological and neuroscientific perspectives to help relax the mind and body, thereby improving concentration.



**CALENDAR**

**Library's Calendar for February**

**Central Library**

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

**East Library**

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

**West Library**

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

**Kasumi Library**

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

**Higashi-senda Library**

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
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■ Closed

■ Partially opened

See here for detailed opening hours.→

