



November 1st is "Classics Day" This Month is a Classic Book Special!

November 1st was declared as "Classics Day" in Japan in 2012, based on the November 1st 1008 diary entry of The Diary of Lady Murasaki Shikibu (Murasaki Shikibu Nikki), which revealed the oldest known record of Japan's first classic story "Genji Monogatari". Here "classics" refer to any production of cultural significance, especially in the fields of culture, art, scholarship and thought.

At Hiroshima university we preserve not only Japanese classics, but also many so-called "World Classics". For this issue we will introduce a World Classic: "The Botanical Magazine" and some other books related to botany. You can also view many works on various websites for free, so please think deeply on our predecessors as you browse different classics.

『The Botanical Magazine』 or, Flower-Garden Displayed

In 1787, London, a botanist and entomologist named William Curtis (1746~1799) began publishing this magazine about foreign house plants. This magazine is the oldest known botanical magazine with such beautifully painted illustrations, and Central Library has preserved original issues dating back to 1848 in its valuable materials collection. Even now, long after Curtis's death, and after undergoing some restructuring, the magazine is still being published.

During the Age of Discovery in Europe, many people from Europe called "Plant Hunters" explored the world to find undiscovered plants, collect them, and bring them back home. The first public Plant Hunter, Francis Masson (1741~1805) was dispatched from the Royal Kew botanical gardens. In his time, he achieved many things, but faced many hardships during his overseas travels, including being captured by foreign armies and attacked by pirates. It is said that at the end of his journeys he died of sickness or froze to death.

The path of a Plant Hunter was arduous and through their hardship, many of the plants featured in this magazine were brought from overseas back to Europe.



Camellia Japonica (Japanese Camellia)
v.2 plate42



v.4 plate119

Strelitzia reginae (Bird of Paradise)

This is one of the flowers Masson found in South Africa and sent back to Europe. When this flower was first introduced to England, it was a sensation in high society! From the fact that its scientific name is King George the Third's queen's maiden-name, it is clear that this plant was very much the talk of the town at the time.



Lilium Japonicum
(Japanese Lily/SasaYuri)
v.38 plate1591



Hibiscus Rosa Sinensis
(Hibiscus)
v.5 plate158



Lathyrus odoratus
(Sweet Pea)
v.3 plate60

Further Reading



『プラントハンター』
白幡洋三郎著, 2005,
講談社学術文庫
(West Library
small-sized books)



『紅茶スパイ : 英国
人プラントハンター
中国をゆく』
サラ・ローズ著
築地誠子訳, 2011, 原
書房
(Central Library
Stacks)

The featured images were taken of magazines in Central Library's Valuable Materials Collection. You can browse these beautiful images (including the issues after the restructuring of the magazine) on Botanicus Digital Library (botanicus.org), an open access resource.



INFORMATION

November's Announcements and Events

The History of Hiroshima University Exhibit

November 8th (Wed.)
~29th (Wed.)

Central Library 1st Floor
Regional and International
Exchange Plaza



Undergoing Trial

Access by VPN
off-campus

Medical Online E-books (~February 1st)

Around 6,000 electronic materials
related to medical study and treatment
from within Japan available to browse!



Isho.jp (~December 10th)
You can read 96 journals from
12 different companies, including
Igaku Shoin, and Medical Review.

Maruzen Ebook Library Trial Reading Service (~March 23rd)

You can use about 16,000 materials
made available by Maruzen-Yushodo.
Materials besides those held at
Hiroshima University are not available for Download.



Central Library November Display 「Writing a Paper」



『よくわかる
卒論の書き方』第2版
白井利明・高橋一郎著
ミネルヴァ書房 2013

And others...



TOPICS

Topics

October Library Orientation Videos

Library Orientation videos targeted for newly enrolled graduate students, exchange students, and transfer students have been uploaded to the library website!

You can learn about library facilities and how to use the library, including how to find materials, search for materials using OPAC, and other procedures to help you get started using our libraries!



← Scan the QR code for
more details!

There are also
practice quizzes!



図書館でEnglish

These events will
take place every
month at West
Library.



October's Theme
was Halloween!

This month the library has started
a new event for beginning English
speakers! Let's cheer on the
participants!



CALENDAR

November Library Calendars

Central Library

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			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	29	30		

East Library

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			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	29	30		

West Library

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

Kasumi Library

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			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
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Higashi Senda Library

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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■ Closed All
Day

Please check here →
for more detailed
hours!

