Keio University Libraries
Mission, Vision, and Mid-range Plan 2016-2020

Our Mission

Based on the founding spirit of Yukichi Fukuzawa and through the following tasks, Keio University’s library will contribute to society and serve the development of academia within and outside Japan

1. Support learning, education, research, and medicine at Keio University by collecting, cataloging, preserving, and providing academic information
2. Support the dissemination of academic activities at Keio University
3. Transmit knowledge to the next generation as the keeper of academic and cultural information

Our Future Vision

1. Provide an environment where globally valuable resources are easily accessible
2. Provide the foundation that can respond to changes in education and research
3. Support students’ independent and autonomous learning
4. Support research activities which are diversifying at a rapid pace

Mid-range Plan 2016–2020

In order to develop the visions given above, the library will continue to secure appropriate space for storing materials, facilities for users, and source of income, while materializing and executing a business plan according to a number of principles in the three fields below. Choosing a suitable library information system becomes a crucial issue if we are to implement our strategies on a more solid basis. At the same time, in order for the policies to come into full force, we need to
maintain an efficient operation system which combines a robust HR strategy, appropriate personnel distribution, organizational structure that operates on optimal efficiency, and cooperation with institutions within and outside Keio. Keio University will fix its eyes beyond Japan with the goal of creating and administering a world-class library system befitting a university and a place of learning.

Field 1: Collections

1. Maintain a good grasp of the changes and trends in the distribution and use of information, and in addition to collecting materials from the appropriate media, evaluate the existing collection and catalog and arrange them in the optimal way
2. Carefully acquire licenses for digital resources, while obtaining consensus within the university, to maintain and develop an environment that supports research and medical activities at the university
3. Coordinate with both intramural and extramural institutions regarding cooperative collection and joint preservation of materials
4. Develop, enhance, and make public Keio’s unique library collection
5. Expand Keio’s academic resource repository and strengthen its capacity to transmit information

Field 2: Educational Support

1. Collect and store materials that support learning and education that encourages students to think and develop the ability to solve issues, and provide the optimal user environment to that end
2. Provide better staff support so that students can efficiently and effectively search for materials from among a vast amount of information, and are able to acquire the knowledge and skill to use the information appropriately
3. Provide services that meet the diverse needs of learners, including international students, lifelong learners, and students with disabilities, as well as improve the collection, facilities, and staff support to respond to changes in the content and approaches to education
4. Improve the library environment so that it is safe and secure and supports diverse learning styles
Field 3: Research Support

1. Collect and preserve the necessary materials for achieving excellence in research and medical activities, and provide an optimal user environment.
2. Enhance cooperation within and outside the university in order to make research results more open and facilitate dissemination of those results.
3. Stay abreast of global research trends, as well as the research status of Keio University, and provide information to relevant departments. Furthermore, investigate and verify the latest trends in technology which can be effectively utilized in research activities, and provide those technologies as library services.