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Shinagawa City Library Visit Your Local Library!

Shinagawa City has eleven libraries and one library facility. Shinagawa Library is the largest among them, and offers about 480,000 books and other items. There are around 4,400 foreignlanguage books on the third floor, and the children's book corner on the second floor has about 800 foreign-language children's books. There are foreign-language materials and picture books at Shinagawa Library and other libraries. You can also reserve books from these libraries and have them delivered to your local library.

Each library has a usage guide in English, Chinese and Korean, explaining how to use the library and the services. In addition, there is an interpreter tablet at Shinagawa Library, so even if you can't speak Japanese you can use the library without difficulty.

Please feel free to visit and use your local library.



Inquiries Shinagawa Library (2-32-3 Kita-Shinagawa, Tel: 03-3471-4667, Fax: 03-3740-4014)

Shinagawa Library Recommendations!

A Section Featuring Universal Design Materials

This section on the second floor offers things that follow the concept of universal design, including tadoku* reading

materials (in English and Japanese), picture stories geared for the elderly, LL books** and audiobook CDs.

* "Tadoku" refers to a learning method that starts with simple materials and is designed so that readers can read

many books and understand as much as possible without having to use a dictionary. The library provides books suitable for each level of language.

** "LL books" are books written in an easy-to-understand style, and also use many illustrations, signs and photographs in a creative way so that anyone can read and appreciate them.

Hours

Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sundays and national holidays, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Closed

TOPICS

Fourth Monday of the month (Shinagawa, Ebara and Gotanda libraries); second Thursday of the month (Libraries other than Shinagawa, Ebara, Gotanda); year-end/New Year's holidays, special maintenance days, and facility inspection days



Library Guide

LIBRARY



You need a library card issued to borrow and reserve books or materials. Please register at any of the libraries or the library facility. You'll need a valid certificate issued by a public office that has your name, address, and date of birth written on it (such as a driver's license, health insurance card, residence card, or special permanent resident certificate). You cannot use your passport to apply for a library card. Please visit the website for more information on how to use the library.

Shinagawa City Library website https://library.city.shinagawa.tokyo.jp/

Map of Shinagawa Libraries and **Library Facility**

Bring Your Kids to _____ **English-Language Storytelling Events!**

English-language storytelling events led by native speakers are held a few times a year at some libraries.

You can enjoy songs, hand games, crafts and other games. The Shinagawa City Library website posts the dates and other details about these events.





Library/Library Facility Name	Address	Tel.
 Shinagawa Library 	2-32-3 Kita-Shinagawa	03-3471-4667
2 Futaba Library	1-4-25 Futaba	03-3782-2036
Bebara Library	1-9-15 Nakanobu	03-3784-2557
4 Minami-Oi Library	3-7-13 Minami-Oi	03-3761-6780
Genjimae Library	4-14-17 Nakanobu	03-3781-6273
9 Yutaka Library	1-17-7 Yutakacho	03-3785-6677
🔽 Oi Library	5-19-14 Oi	03-3777-7151
3 Gotanda Library	6-5-1 Nishi-Gotanda	03-3492-2131
9 Osaki Library	5-2-1 2F, Kita-Shinagawa	03-3440-5600
🔟 Osaki Library Annex	3-12-22 Osaki	03-3491-3430
🕕 Yashio Library	5-10-27 Yashio	03-3799-1414
Osaki Station West Exit Library Facility (Osaki Kodomo Toshoshitsu)	Osaki Wiz City Terrace 2F, 2-11-1 Osaki	03-5487-6551

Population As of March 1, 2023 • Japanese Residents 390,397 (Men 190,882 Women 199,515) • Foreign Residents 13,917 (Men 6,901 Women 7,016)

Shinagawa City Office to Be Reorganized in April

• Unit in charge of Business Support (Handicapped

Residents Support Section): This unit reinforces

programs involving support for managers of facilities for

The organization of the city office has been revamped to address new administrative issues and to improve city resident services. We describe the changes being made below. **Inquiries:** Planning Section (Tel: 03-5742-6607, Fax: 03-5742-6870)

coordinates Hiromachi project.

New Sections/Subsections

• Child Guidance Center Opening Preparation Section (Unit in charge of Child Guidance Center Opening Preparation): This section promotes programs having to do with the opening of the child guidance center.

Sections Being Renamed

• (Formerly) Planning and Coordination Section \Rightarrow (New) Planning Section

New Subsections

- Unit in charge of Policy Promotion (Planning Section): This unit handles important issues more actively.
- Unit in charge of SDGs (Planning Section): This unit promotes programs involving SDGs.
- Unit in charge of Hiromachi Project Coordination (New Government Building Maintenance Section): This unit

Changes in Service Counters Due to Organizational Restructuring

 Unit in charge of Shinagawa Aquarium (Parks Section): This unit promotes the programs involving the renewal of Shinagawa Aquarium.

the handicapped.

• Unit in charge of School Systems (School Affairs Section): This unit manages the School Systems Council.

Subsections Being Renamed

- Childrearing Support Section (Formerly) Allowance and Medical Care Subsidy ⇒ (New) Unit in charge of Allowances and Medical Care Subsidies
- Nursery Section (Formerly) Facility and Management ⇒ (New) Unit in charge of Facility Management

• Educational Total Support Center (Formerly) Special Support and Education Subsection \Rightarrow (New) Unit in charge of Special Support and Education

Subsections Eliminated

- Unit in charge of Preparation for Establishment of the Child Guidance Center (Child Upbringing Section): This unit was eliminated with the establishment of the Child Guidance Center Opening Preparation Section.
- Section Chief in charge of Total Support Facility for Disabled People and Section Chief in charge of Daycare Services for People with Severe Physical and Mental Disabilities (Handicapped Residents Support Section): This position was eliminated with the establishment of the Unit in charge of Business Support (Handicapped Residents Support Section).

Services	Before Change	After Change	
	Child Upbringing Section	Child Guidance Center Opening Preparation Section	
•Matters related to planning and coordinating the establishment of the Child Guidance Center	Unit in Charge of Preparation for Establishment of the Child Guidance Center	Unit in charge of Child Guidance Center Opening Preparation	
	Handicapped Residents Support Section		
 Matters related to support and communication with social welfare 	Handicapped Residents Support Subsection	Unit in charge of Business Support	
 corporations, etc. Matters related to the management of facilities for the disabled 	Section Chief in charge of Total Support Facility for Disabled People		
•Matters related to daycare services for the seriously physically or mentally	Section Chief in charge of Daycare Services for People with Severe Physical and Mental Disabilities		
	Parks Section		
Matters related to communication with Shinagawa Aquarium operators Matters related to the maintenance of the Shinagawa Aquarium facility	Greenery Subsection	Unit in charge of Shinagawa Aquarium	

Notice regarding Dog Registration and Periodic Group Rabies Vaccination

Dogs 91 days old or older must be registered once in their lifetime and are to be given a rabies shot once a year.

Registration

If you purchase a dog at a pet shop or from a breeder or take ownership of a microchipped dog, you must register your pet's microchipped information. Please complete the designated procedures on the Ministry of the Environment database (https://reg.mc.env.go.jp/owner/top_user) based on the registration certificate you received with your dog. Other issues:

- It is strongly recommended to implant a microchip in dogs you already own
- Please complete the designated procedures in the Ministry of the Environment database if you move to another location or if your dog dies
- If your pet is not yet microchipped, you must complete registration procedures at the Shinagawa City Office service counter (registration fee: ¥3,000)

Periodic Group Rabies Vaccination

According to the Rabies Prevention Act, dog owners must have their pets vaccinated annually to prevent rabies. Periodic group vaccinations will be conducted at fourteen designated veterinary hospitals in Shinagawa City. **Dates:** Until April 30 (Sun.)

Notes:

- 1. Since the hours of these locations vary, please confirm the hours of the veterinary hospital you plan to use.
- 2. If you cannot bring your pet in for this vaccination within the designated dates, please do so at a veterinary hospital and complete application procedures to receive a vaccination completion slip at one of the following places: the Public Hygiene Section, Shinagawa or Ebara Health Service Center, or at your local community center by no later than Friday, June 30.
- Eligibility: Dogs 91 days old or older registered in Shinagawa City
- Fee: $\frac{1}{3}$,750 (vaccination fee/vaccination tag issuance fee) Note: If you have your dog vaccinated on a day outside of the designated period, the fees may be different.

Inquiries: Public Hygiene Section (Hon Chosha 7F) Tel: 03-5742-9132, Fax: 03-5742-9104

About COVID-19 Vaccinations

■ Omicron-Specific Vaccinations for Residents Twelve and Older Ends Sunday, May 7. If you have not yet been vaccinated against the Omicron strain and would like to be vaccinated, please do so by Sunday, May 7. Vaccinations are available at medical institutions in Shinagawa City and at the former Ribbon Hatanodai (5-13-9 Hatanodai).

Omicron Vaccinations for Children

Eligibility: Children between five and eleven years of age who have received the initial set of vaccinations (first and second injections), with an interval of three months or more since the previous injection.

(((InterFM<mark>89.7</mark>MHz)))

Shinagawa Info

Multilingual FM City News Broadcasts

The city government broadcasts *Shinagawa Info*, a 3-minute municipal news program, in several languages on InterFM897 (89.7 MHz) from 6:56 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The languages broadcast are as follows:

Mondays: Chinese and Japanese

Tuesdays: Korean and Japanese

Wednesdays: Tagalog and Japanese

Thursdays: English and Japanese Fridays: English and Japanese

Filuays: English and Japanese

In addition to daily-living information, emergency information is broadcast during times of emergency. You can also check the broadcast content via the website.

Website: https://www.interfm.co.jp/timetable/

Tokyo Multilingual Consultation Navi

Consultation services are available for any concerns regarding the spread of the novel coronavirus and its impact on lives.

Languages: Fifteen (plain Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Nepalese, Indonesian, Tagalog, Thai, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Hindi, Russian and Burmese)

🚥 03-6258-1227

(Hours) 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (excluding Saturdays, Sundays) and national holidays)

COVID-19 Omicron Variant Call Center

Vaccination Tickets:

Children who have received the first three injections \rightarrow Fourth vaccination tickets will be mailed out. Children who have received the first two injections \rightarrow Your child can undergo vaccination with the ticket you already have. **Vaccination Date, Time and Locations:** At medical institutions in Shinagawa. Vaccinations will begin with the medical institutions that are prepared to administer the shots.

Ebara Health Service Center (2-9-6 Ebara): April 23 (Sun.), 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Note: For more information, please visit the Shinagawa City website.

Inquiries: Shinagawa Coronavirus Vaccination Call Center

■ 03-6633-2433 ■ 03-6684-4845 ■ 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To find out about the updated information, please visit the Shinagawa City website. The contents on the website can be read in various languages (English, Chinese and Korean), using the automated translation function.



Shinagawa City website

Consultation services are available if you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 infection, such as how to prevent the spread of the virus and what to do if symptoms appear at the contact numbers below.

Languages: Twelve (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Nepalese, Burmese, Thai, French, Portuguese and Spanish)

10 0570-550-571 10 03-5388-1396

Hours 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Available on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays as well.)



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