Library Highlights

Stair Bookshelf

Connecting the basement and the first floor, this is one of the most symbolic areas at the Waseda International House of Literature. The staircase, arches and bookshelves are all made of wood and together they depict a passageway into the world of Murakami's works and one connecting the present and future of the world of literature.

Location: B1, 1F





Lounge and Café

The furniture and piano here have deep connections with Haruki Murakami, and visitors can see original stage props from the dramatization of Murakami's *Kafka on the Shore*. Visitors can grab a cup of coffee or beverage at "Orange Cat," the student-run cafe on this floor, as they spend their time here. They can also access the pocket park, which changes colors as the seasons pass by, right outside the lounge. The University is currently looking into using the space for future events and seminars on campus.

Location: B1



Gallery

This area exhibits the published works of Murakami from his debut in 1979 through 2021. These books were donated by Murakami himself and include many first edition volumes. Visitors can also find a wide range of Murakami's works that have been translated in various languages. Visitors can make full use of the space and the cocoon chairs in the area to indulge themselves in the world of Murakami.

Location: 1F



Please kindly note that visitors of the Waseda International House of Literature will have to make a reservation online beforehand (https://www.waseda.jp/culture/wihl/en).