

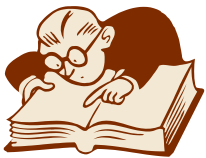
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## Minami Lounge Information

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### Basic Library Usage



The library is a place where you can check out or read books, of course.

In Yokohama, there is the public library in each ward of the city.

In Minami Ward, it is located near Gumyoji Station on the Keikyu Line.

### User's Registration:

- When you check out (borrow) books from the library for first time, please do this.
- Please bring and show your personal identity documents such as driver license/driving permit, student ID card, health insurance card, or utility rates such as receipt for the registration process.

### Rental (borrowing books from the library):

- Having the library registration card enables its owner to check out books at any public library in the city.
- You can check out up to 6 books at a time, for 2 weeks. However, if no one reserved or subscribed the book(s) you checked out, it is possible to extend your return date once. Just bring the books which you wish to check out, to the counter with your library registration card, please.

### Return (bring back the books you borrow to the library):

- You can return the books at any library in the city on its due date.
- When the library was closed, just drop the book in the "Return Box".
- Do not return the books directly into the bookshelves by yourself.



### Library's Surprising Aspect

In the library we do not just read books, but the place also provides a variety of services as follows.

#### Reference Service:

If you didn't know where to find the books you need, the information necessary to your work, find information such as documents, survey and research, the staff members can help you.

#### Internet Browsing Service:

There is a corner where you can use the Internet. For searching information about learning, you can use it free of charge for 30 minutes. It is possible to extend your time if no one else wishes to use it at the time.

#### Services to People with Disabilities:

Face-to-face readings, recorded materials and Braille materials are available for the people with disabilities.

#### Story Reading Activity:

Every public library in the city along with a volunteer organization provides the reading to small children activity regularly to help the children become familiar with book reading. Below are some examples of February events at Minami Library:

- Story Reading for Children over 3 years      -Story Reading for Children over 2 years
- Story Reading for Children of 0 to 2 years and their parent(s) and 2 to 4 years and their parent(s)
- Viewing the World from Minami Ward! Story Telling by the students of Kanagawa Prefectural Yokohama High School of International Studies

Yokohama City Public Library Multilingual Information: <http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kyoiku/library/foreign/>

## Minami Lounge News

### -Private Japanese Lesson Sessions:

Starting April, volunteer teachers give private Japanese lessons to those who wish to have a conversation practice partner, do not have the time for Japanese classes, want to study outside the classroom, need to learn kanji, etc. The sessions can be arranged to meet individual's needs. Contact Minami Lounge at: 232-9544.

### - Minami Lounge based "Let's Enjoy International Cultural Exchange Together!" becomes "Salon":

Previously, Minami Lounge held events such as "Home country introduction in the mother tongue", "Hula dance", "Japanese tea ceremony", "Yoga", and "Making Chinese dumplings". However from now on, such are going to be held as independent "International Exchange Salon" events for child and parent on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of a month beginning with themes and topics on childcare and daily living. Then the participants are going to plan the future events.

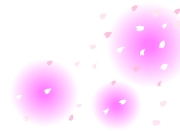


## Minimum Wage

The National Government sets the minimum wage system and every employer has to pay her/his employees at least, the minimum wages or more. This law applies not only to full-time employees but also the part-time ones. As of October 1, 2012, the minimum wage was raised to 849 Yen per hour (13 Yen raised from the previous rate) in Kanagawa Prefecture. If you had a problem or trouble with wages or employment, please contact "Labor Consulting Service for Foreign Workers":

-Kanagawa Labor Center: <http://m.r.cbz.jp/xquu6977/mtu9> (Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese)

-Kanagawa Bureau of Labor Affairs: <http://m.r.cbz.jp/xquu6977/bmq4> (English, Spanish, Portuguese)



## Scenery of the city



## See Japan through shopping mall

For many foreigners in Japan, along with the sighting and hot springs, visiting shopping malls is another attraction as it offers view and experience of authentic Japanese daily life. Japan's shopping streets is said to be derived from a large harbor near post town and temples or temple town that developed along the highway in Edo period. There was a prosperous time for them to evolve again with post-war reconstruction, also called, "the Department stores in Yokohama". However, with the changes of people's life styles and minds, opening of large stores and supermarkets, plus dwindling birth rate and an aging population, they have been declining. Under such circumstances, there is a shopping mall maintaining bustle in Yokohama City, loved by the community. Let us introduce you "Yokohama-bashi Shopping Mall" today.

"Yokohama-bashi Shopping Mall" is located along Kamakura highway; there is Owashi Shrine, and the nearby harbor. It has all the things you need such as grocery, daily necessities, clothing, and canteens and tavern are aligned. Talking about its unique features, there are many multinational stores such as Chinese, Korean, Thai, and Filipino. "Miyoshi" theater is popular as well. People come from near or far places to shop here, at Yokohama-bashi Shopping Mall and it can be a place for your friends visiting Japan from your country to see and experience Japan so closely as well as for souvenir shopping.

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