

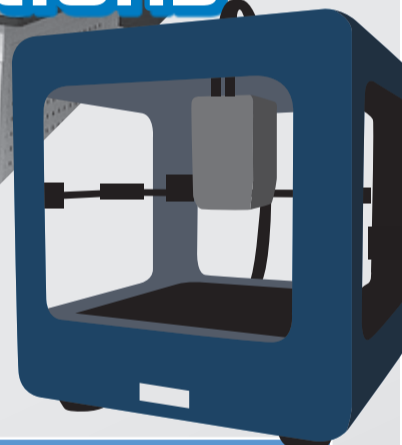
Fab Space Opens in Chuo Library

Chuo Library offers a variety of services to provide useful information for work, education, and daily life. We are pleased to announce the opening of Fab Space, where visitors can learn and interact through fabrication.

New Discoveries and Connections Through Fabrication

Fab Space aims to utilize the information compiled in Chuo Library to provide a place where visitors can interact with each other through fabrication. Fab Space is equipped with devices such as UV printers that can print on not only paper but also acrylic boards and wood, and 3D printers that can create three-dimensional models. It allows visitors to give shape to their ideas born from books or everyday life.

Note: A fee is required to use the equipment (only cashless payment is accepted). A separate fee is also required if you wish to use crafting materials prepared by Chuo Library.



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| UV printer (¥350 per 10 minutes) | Full-color printing on resin, wood, etc. |
| Laser cutter (¥220 per 10 minutes) | Cutting, drilling, and engraving of resin, wood, etc. |
| 3D printer (¥150 per 10 minutes) | 3D resin modeling |
| Cutting machine (¥150 per 10 minutes) | Cutting and trimming paper, film, etc. |
| Desktop bookbinding machine (¥170 per 10 minutes) | Bookbinding with wrapping, tape, and glue |
| Desktop cutting machine (¥160 per 10 minutes) | Cutting of printed materials, finishing and cutting of bound books |

There are also tools available for free, such as power tools and soldering irons.

Use

You must attend the "Fab Space Usage Workshop" before use. The workshop is held as needed, so come to the Fab Space reception desk if you wish to attend.

Date and time : Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (excluding library closure days)
Eligibility : Junior high school students and older who live, work or go to school in Urayasu City, and have attended the "Fab Space Usage Workshop" (elementary school students are eligible if accompanied by a parent/guardian who attended the "Fab Space Usage Workshop")

Reservations : Reserve at the reception desk or call Chuo Library (Tel: 352-4646). You can also register from the Visitation Appointment System.



Wild Bird Countermeasures

When the weather becomes warmer and breeding season begins, wild birds such as grey starlings and crows become more active. Since you need legal authorization to capture or exterminate wild birds, measures to drive them away must be taken to prevent damage from droppings and noise from their cries.

[Household measures to keep grey starlings away]

● **Put up bird nets.**

Putting up bird nets under eaves and other enclosed spaces around your home will make it more difficult for birds to make their nests.

● **Bird repellents**

Spray bird repellent or place solid repellents where birds are likely to perch or enter.

● **Place models of natural predators**

Place models of crows, owls, hawks or other natural predators of grey starlings.

● **Scaring them away using light or sound**

Since these measures may lead to problems with neighbors, make sure it is agreed upon by the neighborhood association and the community/residents.

[Measures to prevent crows from raiding garbage]

Instead of trying to capture or exterminate crows, it is important to avoid creating factors that attract crows, such as by thoroughly managing garbage and not leaving hangers and other items that can be used as nesting materials outdoors.

[If a nest is built]

If a crow builds a nest on private property (within your home or condominium property), the owner has the authority to take action. The city cannot remove nests on private property. If the nest is empty, remove it and dispose of as combustible waste. If there are already eggs or chicks in the nest, contact a specialized company.

[If you discover a nest]

In the event of an attack by a crow or other issues, removal of the nest may be unavoidable. Please check with the manager of the nest site (tree, power pole, etc.) and request removal of the nest.

Trees in parks, along the road, and in other public places:

Parks & Public Areas Section, **Tel:** 712-6513

Power poles*:

TEPCO Power Grid, **Tel:** 0120-995-007

NTT East Repair Dial, **Tel:** 0120-116-000

*The owner of the power pole is listed on the vertically written plate. (If there is more than one plate, in principle, the one closer to the ground is the current owner.)

Public facilities: Contact the facility directly

Private property, private facilities: Contact the owner/manager of the property or facility

Inquiries: Environmental Preservation Section, **Tel:** 352-6482

high school)

Application: Submit the application form [available at the Education Administration Section (Urayasu City Hall 7F) or download from Urayasu City website] directly to the Education Administration Section between April 15 (Mon.) and March 31 (Mon.), 2025.

Note: If you would like to receive the full amount of the annual scholarship, you must apply by May 31 (Fri.). Please note that grade requirements and scholarship amounts may differ by year of enrollment. For more information, visit the Urayasu City website or contact the number below.

Inquiries: Education Administration Section, **Tel:** 712-6712

Eligibility of Medical Subsidy for Children Expanded

Starting on April 1, the medical subsidy for children will cover children up to the third year of high school (the first March 31 after the child reaches 18 years of age). High school students who do not have a certificate should keep receipts of medical examinations received on or after April 1. Reimbursement will be available from July 1 (Mon.). For more information on how to apply for a certificate, visit the Urayasu City website.

Inquiries: Child Services Section, **Tel:** 712-6424

Urayasu Citizens' Festival

Date and time: April 27 (Sat.) and 28 (Sun.), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Canceled in case of inclement weather)

Location: Urayasu Park, Sakaigawa River, etc.

Details: Special stage performance, food and merchandise vendors

Inquiries: Urayasu Citizens' Festival Committee Office, **Tel:** 712-6297 (Commerce Industry and Tourism Section)

Exhibition: Urayasu Landscape Paintings: Then and Now

Dates: Until May 10 (Mon.)

Location: Folk Museum

Details: Exhibition of landscape paintings and photographs from Urayasu City's fishing village era

Note: Registration unnecessary; come directly to the venue

Inquiries: Folk Museum, **Tel:** 305-4300

Recruiting Tenants for Chiba Prefectural Housing

Application: Apply by April 15 (Mon.) (must be postmarked by this date) by sending an application form [available at the Housing Affairs Section (Urayasu City Hall 6F), General Information Desk (Urayasu City Hall 1F), Station City Service Centers, or on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays, at the Central Management Office (Urayasu City Hall 1F)] to the Chiba Prefecture Public Housing Corporation (1-16 Sakaecho, Chuo-ku, Chiba City, 260-0016). For more information, please refer to the Chiba Prefecture Public Housing Corporation website: <https://www.chiba-kousya.or.jp>

Inquiries: Chiba Prefecture Public Housing Corporation Recruiting Section, **Tel:** 043-222-9200

Urayasu Scholarship Support Program

Eligibility: Those with a guardian residing in Urayasu City, registered in the basic resident registration system for one year or longer, enrolled in high school or university, and who meet the following requirements

Grade Requirement: High School: grade average for previous year was 3.5 or higher on a five point GPA scale. University: grade average for the third year of high school was 3.5 or higher on a five point GPA scale.

Income standard: The income earned during the year before application was 1.3 times the public assistance standard or lower.

Scholarship Amount: High school: ¥5,000 per month. University: ¥15,000 per month (¥35,000 per month for those who had a grade average of 4.5 or higher on a five point GPA scale while in their third year of

Shingles Vaccinations and Partial Subsidies

The city will begin partially subsidizing the cost of vaccinations to prevent the onset and severity of shingles.

Vaccination site: Designated medical institutions in the city

Eligibility: City residents that are 50 years of age and above

Details: Active vaccine (Biken): ¥2,000 per dose (once per person); Inactive vaccine (Shingrix): ¥5,000 per dose (up to twice per person)

Note: You must fill out a subsidy application at the medical institution. For more information on designated medical institutions, visit the Urayasu City website.

Inquiries: Health Promotion Section, **Tel:** 381-9001

A Stroll with the Mayor

Etsushi Uchida, Mayor of Urayasu City

Urban River Development and Sakaigawa Park

The early-blooming Kawazu cherry blossoms in the city are beginning to appear, signaling that spring is approaching. This is the time of year that is great for a pleasant stroll.

The Sakaigawa River, which flows through the center of Urayasu City, has the potential to be a place that enriches the lives of residents and creates vitality.

Landscape maintenance for the section of the Sakaigawa River between the Shinbashi Bridge and the East Water Gate was completed along with Chiba Prefecture's riverbank reinforcement work. However, landscape maintenance for the other sections have not started, and in the future, it will be important to not only consider "maintenance" of the river space but also "utilization" of said spaces.

In light of this, Urayasu City conducted a series of dialogues with Chiba Prefecture, local residents, and utilization groups, and decided to register with the

national government's "Urban River Development Support System" to proceed with projects for effectively using rivers and its surroundings. As a preliminary step, we have started a development project of the Sakaigawa Park and its surroundings.

For those of you who are not familiar with Sakaigawa Park, it is the triangular park across from Higashino Elementary School, located along Sakura-dori Street.

Although benches and the like were installed there, overgrown trees covered the area and was rarely used as a park, which was also an issue in terms of security.

To solve these issues, we are currently proceeding with cutting unnecessary trees, installing a wooden deck, and other work to create a bright space that blends well with the river space. We are also developing the river management pathway as a promenade that runs through the Sakaigawa Drainage Pump Station to the side of the East Water Gate.



We hope that the reborn Sakaigawa Park, which will provide a comforting space with a view of the river, and the promenade along the river, will be a place of relaxation and recreation for all Urayasu residents.

We will continue to proceed with urban river development with the opinions of city residents, and create a lively and pleasant waterside space along the Sakaigawa River.

Recyclable Waste Disposal Schedule

| Collection Area | Bottles/Cans/ PET plastic bottles | Newspapers/ Magazines |
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| Nekozane, Kitazakae, Todaijima | Every Tue. | Every Mon. |
| Horie, Higashino, Fujimi, Maihama, Tekkadori 3-chome | Every Wed. | Every Sat. |
| Kairaku, Mihama, Irifune, Hinode, Akemi | Every Thu. | Every Mon. |
| Tomioka, Imagawa, Benten, Takasu, Minato, Tekkadori 1- and 2-chome, Chidori | Every Fri. | Every Sat. |

* Please put out your garbage between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. It is against the rules to put it out earlier or later than this designated time as it could become a nuisance in your neighborhood.

* Bulky items will be collected separately on request by phone. Call the Bulky Items Reception Center ☎ 305-4000. For inquiries, contact the Garbage-Free Section ☎ 712-6467.

FOREIGN RESIDENTS' ASSISTANCE DESK

Urayasu City provides consultation services concerning daily life such as medical, educational or job-related matters.

HOURS: 10 a.m. - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m. weekdays

LANGUAGES: English, French, Chinese, Polish, Russian and Japanese

PHONE NUMBER & LOCATION: 712-6910

Urayasu City Hall Local Activities Promotion Section

Foreign Residents Advisory Corner

Hours: Every Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Languages: English and Japanese

Phone Number & Location: 306-5181, International Center