

Tohoku University after 3.11, 2011

—Focusing on the Library and Archives

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Tsunami near Sendai airport

photo by Mainichi Newspaper

TOHOKU university LIBRARY since 1911.

The location of Tohoku University

面を自動抽出しているため、水面に浮遊する瓦礫や復旧作業による 滑走路・道路などの勢地により、自動抽出される領域に解差が生じます。



Ishinomaki Matsushima Sendai Station **Tohoku** Tohoku University is 10 miles University away from the shore. Sendai Airport

* The colored portion of the area along the shoreline is a flood zone.

Pasco Production Map is used.

Previous Serious Earthquakes



| July 9, 869 | | Jogan earthquake and tsunami | M8.3 |
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| : | : | : | : |
| Dec. 2, 1611 | 11:00 | Keicho Sanriku earthquake | M8.1 |
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| June 15, 1896 | 19:32 | Meiji-Sanriku earthquake | M8.5 |
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| June 12, 1978 | 17:14 | Miyagi earthquake | M7.4 |
| Sep. 15, 1998 | 16:24 | Southern Miyagi earthquake | M5.2 |
| May 26, 2003 | 18:24 | Sanriku south earthquake | M7.0 |
| July 26, 2003 | 7:13 | Northern Miyagi earthquake | M6.2 |
| Aug. 16, 2005 | 11:46 | Miyagi earthquake | M7.2 |
| June 14, 2008 | 8:43 | Iwate-Miyagi Nairiku earthquake | M7.2 |
| June 13, 2010 | 12:33 | Fukushima earthquake | M6.2 |
| March 9, 2011 | 11:45 | Sanriku earthquake | M7.3 |
| March 11, 2011 | 14:46 | East Japan great earthquake | M9.0 |
| April 7, 2011 | 23:32 | Miyagi earthquake aftershock | M7.4 |

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2 days before

27 days after

The damage situation in a Library



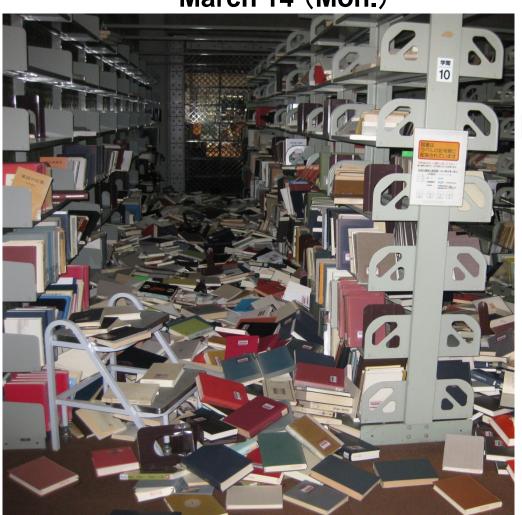
- No injuries within the Library and University grounds
- Building damage
 - Many breakages and damage to walls and a ceilings.
 - Distortion of a window frames (opening and closing made impossible, leaving a gap for air to come in.)
 - Air-conditioners pipe breakages and leaks (making them unusable)
 - Elevator breakages (making them unusable)
- Bookshelves: Many were bent or broken (repair required)
- Collection of books: Hundreds of thousands of volumes have fallen.
 Some were damaged badly (including valuable books.)
- Library information system and PC: No significant damage
- Share file server: RAID disks broken

Damage situation \rightarrow repair work (1)

- Student reading room (160,000 volumes)



March 14 (Mon.)



March 16 (Wed.)



March 29 (Tue.)



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Damage situation \rightarrow repair work (2)

- Bookshelves of bound periodicals (400,000 vols.)



March 14 (Mon.)



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March 31 (Thu.)



Student volunteer group "HARU"





The Issues Facing the Library after the Earthquake





An excellent precedent set: "The Kobe Univ. Library Earthquake Collection"

- → More records than the 1995 Hanshin-Awaji
- Broad in scale (not limited to the 3 prefectures of the Tohoku region)
- Variety of subject matter
 (relating to the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster)
- An increased amount of digital data
- Working with a number of libraries to gather materials
- Joint campaign "Gather materials to libraries!"
 - ex. public libraries=Local and local political materials university libraries=academic research related materials

For future disaster prevention

Joint campaign poster

and Newspaper article...





震災で87万冊落下…4月に再開

...entitled "The Continuing Restoration of Materials"



Damage to The Archives (External)





A blue plastic sheet has been placed over the roof



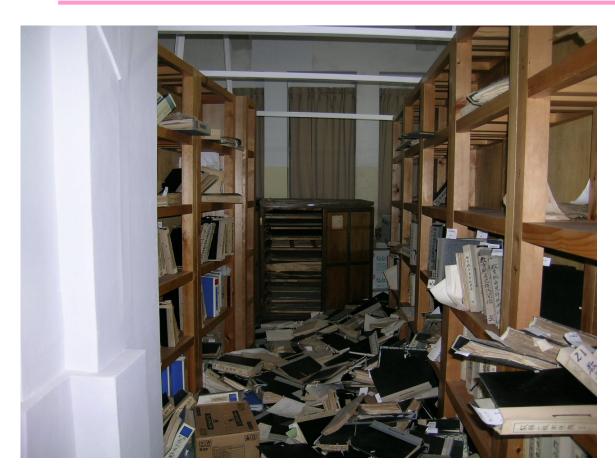
Before the earthquake



Many roof tiles fell down

Damage to The Archives (Internal)





Materials were scattered by the quake



Mushrooms growing



Some of the roof and the lighting had fallen down

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Issues facing the Archives



- Taking on the task of gaining an understanding of the damage situation, mainly through its official papers.
- Cooperating with the "Michinoku-Shinrokuden" Tohoku University Digital Archives.



"Michinoku-Shinrokuden"

http://www.dcrc.tohoku.ac.jp/archive/

Turning a Crisis into an Opportunity



The university's potential and possibilities as an institution open to regional society are greatly enlarged.



Citizens, professors and students have been working together with the "shiryo net" group.



Photo by SAITO Shuichi

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