

Ritsuko Kurima (来間律子)

Ritsuko Kurima began working at the East Asia Library on February 3, 1997. She retired on October 31, 2017 from her position as Circulation & Mending Technician. Her work in that position was primarily focused on circulation and book stacks maintenance.

Ritsuko was born in Okinawa, Japan and originally moved to Seattle in the 1980s.

She and her husband owned and operated Newberry Books, a bookstore in Seattle specializing in books on history, art, Asian studies, religion and philosophy, from 1995 until 2012.



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