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IN MEMORIAM

Tamiyo Togasaki (1928-2013)

Former head librarian at the International House of Japan Mrs. Tamiyo Togasaki died on October 21, 2013. She is survived by her husband Gordon Shigeru Togasaki and two daughters. A family funeral was held on October 27.

Born in Tokyo, Tamiyo studied at the Japan Library School at Keio University, and then traveled to the United States, where she graduated from Swarthmore College and the Columbia University School of Library Service. Among the institutions she worked at in the United States were the New York Public Library (Children's Room) and the Japan Documentation Center at Columbia University. From 1979 to 1990, she was head librarian at the International House of Japan in Tokyo, where she welcomed and avidly supported Japan scholars from around the world. Dedicating her energies to the founding years of the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources (NCC), the Tokyo Access Facility of the Library of Congress, and the Japanese-German Center Berlin, she was a leader in restructuring library services for Japanese studies globally. From her New York years, she derived great pleasure from her involvement in the field of children's books and libraries, and in Tokyo served in such organizations as the Japanese Board on Books for Young People (JBBY).

A remembrance gathering was held at the International House of Japan on November 30, 2013.

(From an Eastlib posting by Izumi Koide)

Ms. Togasaki's publications include *National, Public, and Community Library Resources* (Office for the Japanese Studies Center, The Japan Foundation, 1988), which she co-authored with Tsuyoshi Nakamori and Masaya Takayama; and "Specialized Archival and Library Resources for the Study of East Asia Within the Mid-Atlantic Region," *Committee on East Asian Libraries Bulletin* No. 55 (March 1978):43-54, co-authored with Frank J. Shulman and Leon J. Stout.