

Yale Library Associates

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Today, University Librarian Barbara Rockenbach uses unrestricted gifts and endowment income from the Yale Library Associates to help build and preserve the Library’s world-class collections while offering a wide range of services to meet the needs of its diverse clientele. In these times of economic uncertainty, the flexible and readily-accessible resources provided by unrestricted gifts are especially important for the Library. For this reason, the Yale Library Associates Trustees now recommend that all new gifts to the Yale Library Associates be made without restriction, so that they may be used by the University Librarian to address immediate challenges and seize unique opportunities. In this way, the Yale Library Associates will continue to play a crucial role in the Library’s success.

If you are interested in supporting the Yale Library Associates, we encourage annual gifts at the following recognition levels:

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All those who have given \$50,000 or more to the Yale University Library, whether cumulatively or in a single gift, are recognized and honored as "Life Members" of the Yale Library Associates (a title that harkens back to the time when the Associates were a dues-based membership organization).

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