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Explore the new journalism of Janet Malcolm, the origins of celebrity party photos, biblical art books, pioneering women in music at Yale, how to conserve your family treasures, Supreme Court bobbleheads, the beauty of rare book bindings, and the history of evolutionary biology at Yale in eight exhibitions at Yale’s libraries this spring and summer. All are free and open to the public.

The Courtroom, the Couch, and the Archive: Janet Malcolm’s Journalism

Janet Malcom entered the writing world in the late 1950s, just as “new journalism” was about to emerged. This student-curated exhibit draws from her papers at the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, as well as other Beinecke and Manuscripts and Archives collections, to illuminate how she pieced together the stories of others and, eventually, of herself. May 13 – Oct. 6, Sterling Memorial Library Exhibition Corridor, 120 High Street

Life of the Party: Text and Image: Book Artists Engage with the Hebrew Bible

An exhibit about biblical art books shows how several modern artists interpret and reinterpret books in the Hebrew Bible from Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden in Genesis to the Book of Ruth. May 17 – Sept. 16, Haas Family Arts Library, 180 York Street

Jerome Zerbe and the Social Photograph & Michael Childers: Author! Author!

The golden age of nightclubbing never looked better than in the photographs of Jerome Zerbe, a Yale graduate who captured actors, socialites, and other wealthy groups, as well as scenes in the South Pacific during World War II. This exhibition uses Zerbe as a lens for understanding the rise of celebrity over the past century and how framing images of people sharing in celebration became a practice that continues today. May 16 – Aug. 12, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, 121 Wall Street

From Molecules to Ecosystems: The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Yale

Yale’s Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology explores the stunning variety and myriad interactions of life on earth. Ecology and evolutionary biology faculty, students, and researchers study processes and systems that have implications for the treatment of human diseases, the development of biotechnology, and the conservation of biodiversity. April 8 – Sept. 30, Center for Science & Social Science Information, Kline Biology Tower, 219 Prospect Street

Musical Daughters of Eli: Women Pioneers at Yale
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A new exhibit highlights first women at Yale who found different paths to music despite unequal opportunities. Materials on display include music manuscripts, a book based on the dissertation of one of the first women to earn a Ph.D. in music from Yale, and news coverage of the university’s first female a cappella group. Feb. 25 – June 16, Irving S. Gilmore Music Library, 120 High Street

Legally Binding: Fine and Historic Book Bindings from the Yale Law Library

Many of the historic volumes in the Lillian Goldman Law Library are significant not only for their texts, but for their extraordinary bindings. More than 20 of these have been selected for their beauty, craftsmanship, functionality, and historical significance. Feb. 1 – May 30, Lillian Goldman Law Library, 127 Wall Street

Wobbling Justice: Supreme Court Justices Bobbleheads

Twenty-five Supreme Court justice bobbleheads and a handful of others who are not justices, such as Harold Koh, former dean of Yale Law School, will be on display. The selection of bobbleheads will be changed every few weeks. The current exhibit features Justices Harry A. Blackmun, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Clarence Thomas, David J. Brewer, Benjamin R. Curtis, and Louis D. Brandeis. Throughout the summer, Lillian Goldman Law Library, 127 Wall Street

Pass It On: Preserving Our Collective and Personal Cultural Heritage

This exhibit showcases the artistic, surgical, scientific, and technological solutions executed by preservation specialists and conservation experts together with advice to the public on adapting these solutions to preserving and conserving their personal and family treasures. April 15 – July 12, Sterling Memorial Library Memorabilia Room, 120 High Street

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