

Updates: COVID-19 & Yale Library Online



Jan. 5, 2021 Yale libraries are currently open with access limited to students, staff, and faculty (including emeriti) who are authorized to be on campus.

Library hours may shift without notice in response to changing pandemic circumstances and University guidance. Please [check library hours on the library website](#) [1] before coming to campus. (Yale Library hours listed in Google are not always accurate, especially in cases of inclement weather, holidays, or other unusual circumstances.)

Special collection repositories are also scheduled to reopen on Jan. 3. Members of the Yale community who are authorized to be on campus may request and use special collections materials in the special collections reading rooms. Advance reservations are required for the special collections reading rooms at the Divinity Library, Manuscripts and Archives, Lewis Walpole Library, and the Medical Historical Library. Advance reservations are not currently required for Beinecke Library or Arts Library Special Collections. [See all access requirements for special collections.](#) [2]

Under the University's current [Campus Visitor Policy](#) [3], we are unable to extend access to library buildings, including special collections reading rooms, to other patron groups, including retired staff and faculty without emeritus status, alumni, family members, other Yale affiliates, and the general public. We regret any inconvenience, and we look forward to welcoming our extended community when public health conditions improve. Please contact [Ask Yale Library](#) [4] if you have questions about your status to access the library.

Since August 2021, all library staff have been working onsite three or more days per week, depending on operational roles and needs. The library also continues to offer research consultations, workshops, library instruction, and access to electronic resources online. Please contact individual staff directly to check their availability for in-person or online consultations and appointments in the new year.

Current students, faculty, and staff may request to have library materials, including BorrowDirect and interlibrary loan materials, scanned or mailed to U.S. addresses. To request this service, use the "Send to home address" links in Orbis and Quicksearch.

Read a news story about [the fall 2021 return to onsite classes](#) [5].

[See our COVID-19 FAQ](#) [6] for more about online and remote services.

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[1] <https://web.library.yale.edu/buildings>

[2] <https://guides.library.yale.edu/specialcollections>

[3] <https://covid19.yale.edu/visitors-policy>

[4] [mailto:askyaleibrary@yale.edu](#)

[5] <https://library.yale.edu/news/yale-library-expands-enhances-services-return-onsite-teaching-and-learning>

[6] <https://web.library.yale.edu/covid-19-update-library-reopening-faq>