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Beginning March 19, the Beinecke Library will again welcome public visitors to the exhibition hall on Saturdays and Sundays, noon - 4 pm.

While the university’s Campus Visitor Policy [1] changed on Feb. 4, the new guidelines have not yet been extended to the libraries. With the exception of the Beinecke exhibition hall weekend hours, access to other Yale Library spaces is still limited to current students, staff, and faculty. We hope to open all Special Collections reading rooms to fully vaccinated U.S.-based researchers later in mid-April. Details and reopening dates will be updated on this page when further information is available.

As new visitor guidelines are developed and approved, they will be posted here and on Yale Library social media. Until then, we regret that we cannot yet extend access to other patron groups—and we thank you for your continued patience. Please contact Ask Yale Library [2] if you have questions about your status to access to the library.

Yale faculty, staff, and students 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 required for Beinecke Library or Arts Library Special Collections. See all access requirements for special collections. [3]

Library hours and access may shift without notice in response to weather, changing pandemic circumstances and university guidance. Please check library hours on the library website [4] 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.)

Library staff are currently working onsite two or more days per week, depending on operational roles and needs. We continue 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.

See our COVID-19 FAQ [5] for more about online and remote services.