Dec. 20, 2021  Yale Library locations will close at end-of-day on Wednesday, Dec. 22, and remain closed through the end of the calendar year. The libraries are scheduled to reopen on Jan. 3, 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.)

Patrons who wish to use materials from the off-site Library Shelving Facility (LSF) over the holiday break should place their requests by end-of-day Tuesday, Dec. 21, and pick them up before the library closes on Dec. 22. Deliveries from LSF will not resume until after the scheduled IT upgrade of our Voyager system, Jan. 3-5 [2], is completed.

Special collection repositories will also close at the end of day Dec. 22 through Jan. 2. 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. [3]

Under the University’s current Campus Visitor Policy [4], 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 [5] 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 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. Please note that the ability to request library materials will be limited Jan. 3-5 due to schedule information technology updates. See IT update details. [2]

Read a news story about the fall 2021 return to onsite classes [6].
See our COVID-19 FAQ [7] for more about online and remote services.

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[1] https://web.library.yale.edu/buildings
[2] https://ask.library.yale.edu/faq/360435
[3] https://guides.library.yale.edu/specialcollections