April 4, 2022

Beginning April 11, Yale University Library will reopen its special collections reading rooms to non-Yale researchers who are fully vaccinated and boosted and have not traveled outside the U.S. within the prior 15 days. Researchers will be required to register in the Yale Library special collections system, complete the University vaccine attestation process in advance of their visit, and show a copy of their approval email for admission to the library on the day of their visit. Plan your visit [1].

The Yale Center for British Art's Reference Library [2] and Study Room [3] will re-open to non-Yale researchers on Tuesday, April 12, using the Yale Library registration system and following the same procedures. Also on April 11, the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library will expand the public opening hours for the exhibition hall to weekdays as well as weekends. Beginning March 19, the Beinecke Library will again welcome public visitors to the exhibition hall on Saturdays and Sundays, noon - 4 pm. Beyond special collections reading rooms and the Beinecke exhibition hall, access to other Yale Library spaces is still limited to current Yale students, staff, and faculty. 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 [4] if you have questions about your status to access to the library.

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 [5] 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 [6] for more about online and remote services.