Updates: COVID-19 & Yale Library Online

August 21, 2020  Most of the Yale libraries will reopen beginning Aug. 31 to Yale faculty, graduate and professional students, and staff authorized to work on campus, with space and service modifications to protect health and safety. The libraries will open to Yale College students who are enrolled in residence after they complete the required quarantine period. See our Library Reopening FAQ [1] for more details, or address questions to our Ask Yale Library service [2].

Cushing/Whitney Medical Library will open Monday, Aug. 24 to Yale and Yale New Haven Hospital community members who are authorized to be on campus. The Cushing Center will remain closed. For more information, read the announcement [3].

Yale faculty, students, and staff can request library materials for contact-free pickup and digital scans. We continue to accept and fill interlibrary loan requests for scanned articles and book chapters, based on availability of materials at our partner libraries.

Because of staffing and space limitations and University restrictions on campus visitors, pickup and scanning services are available only to Yale ID holders at this time. We invite other users to visit our extensive digital collections [4], which we are continually expanding.

Use links in QuickSearch and Orbis to request contact-free pickup at Thain Cafe at Bass Library or at Cushing/Whitney Medical Library Thain Cafe for circulating materials from these libraries:

- Bass Library
- Cushing/Whitney Medical Library
- Gilmore Music Library
- Haas Arts Library
- Library Shelving Facility
- Sterling Memorial Library

Use scanning request links in QuickSearch and Orbis to request chapter and article scans from these libraries:

- Bass Library
- Cushing/Whitney Medical Library
- Gilmore Music Library
- Haas Arts Library
- Library Shelving Facility
- Reference Library, Yale Center for British Art
Special Collections On or soon after Aug. 31, we will reopen special collections reading rooms to Yale researchers by appointment only. Appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance of the desired visit. No same-day appointments will be accepted. Digitization of special collections material is underway at Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Manuscripts and Archives, and the Cushing/Whitney Medical Library with priority being given to requests supporting Yale teaching and research.

Yale Center for British Art (YCBA) Reference Library YCBA library staff are working onsite to fill scanning requests for all their collections, including conservation, auction, dealer catalog, and serial collections. With access to onsite materials, they have expanded references services beyond what they have been able to provide remotely during the pandemic shutdown. Yale faculty, staff, and students may submit scanning requests through the Orbis and Quicksearch and reference requests may be placed through the Ask a Librarian link on the YCBA library website.[5]. Yale community requests will be prioritized over request from non-Yale researchers.

Access to special collections Digitization of special collection materials has resumed at the Beinecke Library, at Manuscripts and Archives, and at Cushing/Whitney Medical Library. Priority is being given to requests supporting fall semester teaching and research at Yale. Contact individual special collection repositories[6] to discuss class-support and research needs for fall. Please note that the library's ability to fill special collection requests for non-Yale researchers is extremely limited at this time, with no estimated fulfillment times. Special collection reading rooms remain closed at this time, but will reopen for Yale researchers only, by appointment, in the fall. (Starting date, hours, and appointment procedures will be posted soon.) We continue to expand the range of digital collection materials[5] freely available to the public.

Reopening of library spaces Except for the Thain/Bass pickup location, library buildings and spaces are currently closed to library users. When libraries reopen on Aug. 31, spaces and services will be modified to comply with health and safety guidelines, and a valid Yale ID will be required for entry. (Under current university guidelines, the campus will remain closed to non-Yale visitors this fall.) All access and services provided will be in full compliance with state and university health and safety guidelines. Additional information will be posted on the Library Reopening FAQ[1] when available.

HathiTrust e-book access Under a special agreement with the HathiTrust Digital Library[7], Yale Library users have been granted access to around 5 million e-books that are either in the public domain or owned by Yale Library in print versions made inaccessible by the COVID-19 shutdown. Users may access the e-books through the library’s online catalog. Users may also request scans from these titles, but the library’s physical copies may not be requested for pickup.

Online course reserves Faculty may now place reserve requests for e-books, scans, and streaming audio or video using the Canvas course reserves module[8] for the fall 2020 semester. Faculty are strongly encouraged to submit their requests as soon as possible and to include all required course materials so that library staff will have time to identify and secure e-versions. All course reserves for the fall 2020 semester will be online; physical course reserves will not be offered.

Yale Library Online Since March, the library has expanded online services and access to e-resources[9] in response to COVID-19. These services will continue throughout the fall semester in order to ensure the highest possible level of support for faculty, staff, and students on- or off-campus.

• See the Yale Library YouTube channel for a series of short video tutorials on using library research tools[10].

• To help graduate students and other researchers identify and locate primary resources in all formats at Yale and elsewhere, the library is now offering a Primary Source and Research Collections Consultation[11], a joint online (or telephone) consultation with an archivist or curator and a subject expert librarian in the researcher's field of study. This service is available for Yale faculty, students, and staff only.

COVID-19 research guides Librarians at Marx Science and Social Science Library have created a COVID-19 research guide[12] containing news sources, databases, and links related to the impact of COVID-19 across the social sciences. Librarians at Cushing/Whitney Medical Library have created a COVID-19 resource page[13] containing clinical tools and guidance, latest research and citations, datasets and repositories, and consumer health information. Yale University Library's Preservation and Conservation staff have...
developed a [COVID-19 guide to collection handling resources](https://guides.library.yale.edu/preservationandconservation/COVID19).

**Source URL:** https://web.library.yale.edu/news/2020/03/updates-covid-19-yale-library-online?page=2

**Links**

1. [https://web.library.yale.edu/covid-19-update-library-reopening-faq](https://web.library.yale.edu/covid-19-update-library-reopening-faq)
2. [http://ask.library.yale.edu](http://ask.library.yale.edu)
3. [http://view.message.yale.edu/?qs=b3f7098a63003163b8950a45fa198a11b6d3c2bd904b1df0ed3f7671e31702f98f8b75ce84066ab2e39a8a07b37f1e7756ea1d98dc504113401dffb33eb325275c420d0abdb7476df71fcab93ce1a2ed](http://view.message.yale.edu/?qs=b3f7098a63003163b8950a45fa198a11b6d3c2bd904b1df0ed3f7671e31702f98f8b75ce84066ab2e39a8a07b37f1e7756ea1d98dc504113401dffb33eb325275c420d0abdb7476df71fcab93ce1a2ed)
4. [https://web.library.yale.edu/digital-collections](https://web.library.yale.edu/digital-collections)
5. [https://britishart.yale.edu/reference-library-and-photograph-archives](https://britishart.yale.edu/reference-library-and-photograph-archives)
6. [https://guides.library.yale.edu/specialcollections/speccoll-home](https://guides.library.yale.edu/specialcollections/speccoll-home)
7. [https://guides.library.yale.edu/ebooks/hathitrustemergency](https://guides.library.yale.edu/ebooks/hathitrustemergency)
8. [https://guides.library.yale.edu/reserves/canvas](https://guides.library.yale.edu/reserves/canvas)
9. [https://web.library.yale.edu/RemoteAccessServices](https://web.library.yale.edu/RemoteAccessServices)
10. [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLprzPh_SKeGcrJ5nT4fQylqOygSh7qwDb](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLprzPh_SKeGcrJ5nT4fQylqOygSh7qwDb)
12. [https://guides.library.yale.edu/covid19impacts](https://guides.library.yale.edu/covid19impacts)
13. [https://library.medicine.yale.edu/covid-19-clinician-resource-consumer-health-information](https://library.medicine.yale.edu/covid-19-clinician-resource-consumer-health-information)
14. [https://guides.library.yale.edu/preservationandconservation/COVID19](https://guides.library.yale.edu/preservationandconservation/COVID19)