



Yale Divinity Library

Personal Librarian Program

Every student enrolled in the Divinity School is assigned a “personal librarian,” who is ready to assist with any research-related question, problem, or skill. Students are encouraged to contact their personal librarian whenever they need assistance using the library. Personal librarians can help students develop library and research skills.

Formulate a topic for a paper and begin locating resources

Find information for assignments, papers, and internship projects

Locate primary sources

Evaluate and select trustworthy sources

Compile a bibliography for a reading course

Learn how to format citations

Plan and find resources for programs in churches and congregations

In addition to individual consultations, students receive notices with research tips, information about library resources, workshops, and events.

Location

Yale Divinity Library
Sterling Divinity Quadrangle
409 Prospect Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06511

Access is through the main entrance to Sterling Divinity Quadrangle, under the portico on the north driveway. Once inside, bear left and follow the interior corridor to the library entrance.

Web: www.library.yale.edu/div

Phone: 203-432-5290

E-mail: divinity.reference@yale.edu

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ydslibrary



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From Yale's founding in 1701, the study of religion has played a central role in the intellectual life of the University. As a consequence of its commitment to theological research and education, the Yale University Library has developed one of the strongest collections of religious studies materials anywhere in the world. Established in 1932, the Divinity Library has primary responsibility for Yale's research collections in specified areas of Christian history, thought, and practice, with particular strength in Biblical studies, theology, and the history of Christianity.

The Yale Divinity Library provides materials, resources, and services that support teaching and research, with a constituency that includes the Divinity School, the Department of Religious Studies, the University community at large, and the international community of scholars. The Day Missions Collection is an unparalleled resource for the study of the history of Christian missions and world Christianity. In addition to print resources, this collection includes more than 4,500 linear feet of archives and manuscripts, as well as extensive microform collections. The Ministry Resource Center provides helpful materials for the practice of ministry.



Research Support

All holdings accessible through the Yale University Library catalog (orbis.library.yale.edu) and Yale Finding Aid Database (www.library.yale.edu/findingaids)

Comprehensive subject guides

Access to specialized software, databases, and electronic texts for the study of religion

Access to digital image collections

Borrow Direct and Interlibrary Loan services

Individual research consultations

Assistance with accessing archival and special collections

Assistance with citation management software

Photocopy, scanning, and digitization services

Library workshops and classes

Request a purchase for the library

Access to ATLA® for ALUM program, a full-text collection of religion and theology journals available to YDS Alumni

Teaching Support

Electronic and print course reserves

Training and support for Classes*v2, Yale's course management system

Course-specific research guides posted in Classes*v2

Access to digital image and electronic text collections

In-class sessions to introduce students to course-related resources and library skills

Workshops (outside of class) on library resources, citation management, and research skills

Classroom with projection facilities

The Pope Seminar Room, a reference collection of biblical language materials

For further information on support for teaching, contact suzanne.estelle-holmer@yale.edu