



# Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library

## Special Collections

The Arts Library Special Collections (ALSC) are composed of materials from the former Art+Architecture and Drama libraries, as well as the Arts of the Book Collection. ALSC holdings include contemporary catalogues raisonnés, 18th- and 19th-century works on artists and architecture, a broad selection of fine press and artists' books, rare research materials in support of these subject areas, and the Faber Birren Collection of Books on Color.

In addition, ALSC has manuscript and archival holdings in book arts, art history, and drama. Theatrical production is documented through photographs, production books, scrapbooks, and ephemera. The Yale Bookplate Collection contains ex-libris prints and process materials, such as original sketches, plates, and woodblocks. The Arts of the Book Collection maintains archives of Fritz Eichenberg, Fritz Kredel, Richard Minsky, Carl P. Rollins, and many smaller collections about the book arts.

ALSC showcases its collections on a regular basis in the William H. Wright Special Collections Exhibition Area on the lower level of the Haas Family Arts Library. ALSC exhibitions and related programs are free and open to the public.

## Location

Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library  
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Access is through the main lobby of the Loria Center, located at 190 York Street. For more information about our facilities, equipment, and services, please visit our Web site at [www.library.yale.edu/arts](http://www.library.yale.edu/arts).

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Bridging Paul Rudolph Hall and the Jeffrey H. Loria Center for the History of Art, the Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library provides collections and research services to the schools of Art, Architecture, and Drama, as well as the Department of the History of Art and the Yale University Art Gallery. On-site, the library contains approximately 125,000 volumes, plus related rare and unique materials in the Arts Library Special Collections (ALSC). The circulating materials in Haas related to the visual arts have been carefully curated to support the research, teaching, and learning needs of the library's constituency and include image-heavy, limited edition, and out-of-print books about art and architecture. The Haas drama collections provide primary support to the production design needs of the School of Drama.

In addition, more than 200,000 visual arts titles are available for delivery to Haas, or any other Yale library, from Yale's Library Shelving Facility (LSF). An additional 100,000 visual arts titles are accessible at Sterling Memorial Library. To support further arts-related research, the Visual Resources Collection contains more than 370,000 digital images, and access to more than 500,000 35mm slides, lantern slides, and study photographs at LSF. Moreover, research materials pertaining to the study of art, architecture, book arts, and drama can be found in nearly all libraries and special collections at Yale. The librarians and staff at the Haas Family Arts Library work with researchers to discover and access arts-related materials across campus and beyond.



## Research Support

The Research Education Program of the Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library is available to all members of the Yale community. Haas librarians coordinate robust print, digital, and special collections to encourage scholarship, study, and creative inspiration. With specialized expertise in the discovery of print and digital resources, as well as in-depth understanding of the arts research process, Haas librarians provide a unique service to the Yale community.

Subject specialists in art, architecture, book arts, and drama are available for consultation both in person and online. A full-service information desk offers directional reference as well as access to print and electronic reserves for arts-related courses, student shelves for storing on-site materials, and Eli Express drop-off and delivery. With diverse collections, technological tools and equipment, and versatile workspaces, the Haas Family Arts Library provides a central and dynamic setting for research in the arts at Yale.

## Teaching in the Library

Haas librarians continue to enhance and expand their graduate and undergraduate library instruction program, actively promoting research skills and library collections as key to students' success at Yale. They facilitate teaching and learning in a variety of academic programs with library-specific workshops and course-integrated sessions. Haas librarians regularly work with professors to develop sessions tailored to a specific course or topic. With two classrooms available, both equipped with digital projectors, the library is ideally suited to support small classes and seminars. Alternatively, Haas librarians are available to visit classes or seminars as requested.

The ALSC classroom on the lower level has a 14-seat table designed to handle oversized and delicate materials. This classroom is also available for group study using special collections materials. Upstairs, a 20-seat classroom features individual computers and dual-camera projection.