

# Yale Divinity Library



<https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity>

## **History & Collections**

From its founding in 1701 the study of religion has played a central role in the intellectual life of Yale University. As a consequence of its commitment to theological research and education, the Yale University Library has accumulated one of the strongest collections of religious studies materials anywhere in the world. Established in 1932 and placed under the administrative direction of the University Librarian in 1953, the Divinity Library has primary responsibility for Yale's research collections in specified areas of Christian history, thought and practice, with particular strengths in Biblical studies, theology (both historical and constructive), and the history of Christianity.

The Yale Divinity Library provides library materials and services that support teaching and research in Christian history, thought, and practice. Its constituency 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, the Day Collection includes more than **6,000 linear feet** of archives and manuscripts, as well as extensive microform

collections. Strengths of the library's special collections include documentation of the Protestant missionary endeavor, documentation of religious work among college and university students, records related to American clergy and evangelists, **a growing collection of manuscript materials related to the development of New England theologies**, and unofficial records related to the life of the Divinity School.

The Library also has a large collection of materials related to the practice of ministry.

## Research Support

All holdings are accessible through the Yale University Library catalog ([orbis.library.yale.edu](https://orbis.library.yale.edu)), **Quick Search** (<https://search.library.yale.edu>), and **Archives at Yale** (<https://archives.yale.edu>).

- Access to specialized software, databases and electronic texts for the study of religion
- Individual research consultations
- Comprehensive subject guides
- Assistance accessing archival and special collections
- Photocopy, scanning and digitization services
- Digital image and text collections
- Assistance with citation management software (EndNote, RefWorks, Zotero)
- Library workshops and classes
- Borrow Direct and Inter-library Loan services
- Request a purchase for the library
- Assistance preparing a literature review
- Access to *ATLAs for Alums* for YDS Alumni

## Support for Teaching

- Electronic and Print Course Reserves
- Training and support for [Canvas](#), Yale's course management system
- In-class sessions to introduce students to course-related resources and research skills
- Workshops (outside of class) on library resources, citation management, and study skills
- Course-specific research guides posted in Canvas
- Digital Image and Text Collections
- Classroom with projection facilities
- The Pope Seminar Room, a reference collection of biblical language materials, can be reserved for classes

## 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:

- 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 resources
- Plan and find resources for programs in churches and congregations
- Compile a bibliography for a reading course
- Learn how to format citations

In addition to individual consultations, students will receive timely e-mail newsletters with research tips, information about library resources, workshops and events.

## Location & Directions

Yale Divinity Library Sterling Divinity Quadrangle 409 Prospect Street New Haven, Connecticut 06511	Phone: 203-432-5274 Email: <a href="mailto:divinity.library@yale.edu">divinity.library@yale.edu</a> <a href="#">Google Maps</a>
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.	



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