CUSHING/WHITNEY MEDICAL LIBRARY

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The Harvey Cushing/John Hay Whitney Medical Library provides access to an extensive array of information resources and tools, offers research assistance and expertise, and delivers meaningful services to our users, to support innovation and excellence in biomedical research, patient care, and the development of scholars and future leaders in health care.

CONSULTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

We encourage students and researchers to meet one-on-one with a public health librarian for advice on their research projects, as consumers of evidence (finding and appraising resources), and as producers of evidence (disseminating theses and publishing articles). Librarians also visit classes, student organizations, departments, and labs with tailored presentations and hands-on instruction, and collaborate on evidence synthesis publications. Librarians offer regular workshops on such topics as PubMed and other literature databases, literature reviews, systematic reviews, expert searching, research impact, bioinformatics, geographic information systems, citation management, research data management, and more. During the COVID-19 pandemic, these consultations and workshops have taken place online. We anticipate that in-person consultations and workshops will return in 2021–2022.

• Workshops: https://library.medicine.yale.edu/classes
• Video tutorials: https://library.medicine.yale.edu/tutorials
• StatLab consultants for advice on statistics and geospatial tools: https://marx.library.yale.edu/data-gis-statistical-support/statistical-support

RESOURCES

The Cushing/Whitney Medical Library provides a comprehensive collection of ebooks, electronic journals, clinical reference tools, databases, evidence-based practice resources, image collections, educational software, and print books and journals in support of programs in public health as well as medicine, nursing, physician associate training, bioinformatics, and the basic sciences. Yale students have access to the library’s online collections from anywhere using VPN software. Our interlibrary loan service, named GetIt@Yale, provides fast, free, electronic access to chapters and articles through interlibrary loan or scanning. Print books from other Yale libraries and Borrow Direct schools can be delivered to the medical library circulation desk quickly—and, during the pandemic, print books can also be mailed to a student's home address (in the United States).

• Public Health Information Guide: https://guides.library.yale.edu/publichealth
• YSPH Library Orientation Guide: https://guides.library.yale.edu/ysphorientation

Bioinformatics support includes free training for and access to Ingenuity Pathway Analysis, MetaCore, Partek Flow, BIOBASE, Qlucore, and more tools for omics analysis.

The special collections of the Medical Historical Library and the Cushing Center—including medical incunabula, rare books, prints, photographs, and objects—support research and education in the history of medicine and public health.

LIBRARY SPACES AND TECHNOLOGY

Students are invited to use study spaces throughout the Medical Library. Individual study carrels and tables are located on all levels of the library. The Morse Reading Room is designated as quiet study space. Our 2019 renovation created a large team-based learning classroom, eight rooms for small-group learning and independent study, an expanded studio for video production of learning materials, and an enhanced information commons with plentiful workstations, comfortable seating, and an information desk for help. The new spaces are designed for flexible use and incorporate technologies to support the curriculum and accommodate individual study preferences.

The library lends students chargers, display adapters, clickers, video and audio recording equipment, and laptops, and it provides free subscriptions and support for citation management software that students can use on their laptops.

Windows and Mac computers are available in multiple locations, including the 24/7 Computer & Study Space. The software on these workstations includes Microsoft Office, EndNote, Adobe products, SAS, SPSS, NVivo, and ArcGIS; at the information desk, ask which workstation has the software you need. Black-and-white and color printers/copiers/scanners are available. In addition, two computers in the 24/7 space are set up as scanning stations, with applications for graphics and video editing and production. A high-performance workstation with a suite of licensed and open source tools, such as BRB-Array Tools, Cytoscape, and Qlucore, is also available to process, manage, analyze, and visualize data in a variety of formats. Access to this workstation can be reserved by any Yale researcher.
The Cushing Center—an educational and historical collection of brain samples—and a Yale Information Technology Services walk-in center are located on the lower levels. These spaces have been closed during the pandemic, but we hope the situation will change in 2021–2022.

During the pandemic, the library has been open 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m. on weekdays. We anticipate offering more evening and weekend hours soon. The pre-pandemic schedule was 7:30 a.m.–midnight on weeknights during the fall and spring terms. The 24/7 Computer & Study Space is open all the time; when the library itself is closed, students can enter the 24/7 space through the back door with their Yale ID.

In addition to the Medical Library, students are invited to use other Yale University libraries. Two of the more popular libraries for YSPH students are Marx Library and Sterling Memorial Library. For information about all library study spaces, including whether reservations are required, see https://web.library.yale.edu/places/to-study.