

Harvard University Library

"A great collection, like a museum of natural history or archaeology, is not only to be made useful to the present generation, it is also to be transmitted safely to future generations." — *Harvard President Charles William Eliot, 1873*

About the Harvard Library

Harvard University Library is in Cambridge, MA, USA. It was founded in 1638. This library stocks over 13.1 million books.

The Harvard Library provides comprehensive access to library holdings across the boundaries of individual faculties and disciplines. The Library is also a department of the University's central administration through which the libraries collaborate in the areas of digital acquisitions and collections, information technology, high-density storage, and preservation.

Harvard's new Borrow Direct service enables faculty, staff, and students to borrow books and other circulating library materials from the libraries of Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, and Yale. "This is a significant step in collaboration for Harvard," says Helen Shenton, executive director of the Harvard Library. "We are delighted to be joining forces with our peers in order to provide a better, deeper, and richer service for all of our patrons."

With support from Arcadia, the Harvard University Archives has launched Harvard in the 17th and 18th Centuries, an online exploration of the early documentary history of Harvard.



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