

# Library Access Security Research

## Summary

Library security practices of 18 peer institutions:

Access Protocol	Schools	Note
Not open to the public	Univ. AL, Birmingham	The library is open 7am-11pm. Those allowed in the library include faculty, staff, students (of any university), health professionals, legal professionals, and members of the university's alumni (with alumni card and photo I.D.) Anyone not included in this group will be directed to the local public library
Only those with ID	Columbia	Do allow access to those from affiliated institutions, offer visitors access for a fee
ID required at all times	Penn	Visitors allowed, show ID
	Temple University	With current ID - no restriction during normal operating hours. No current ID - required to provide an alternative form of photo ID (such as a valid driver's license)
ID required sometimes	University of Cincinnati	Card required after 6pm
	UW Milwaukee	Card required 7pm-7am. From 7pm-11pm, the public can enter, just have to show an ID. Only students allowed after 11pm)
	Univ. of IL, Chicago	Photo ID is required during certain hours that the library is open
	Virginia Commonwealth University	VCU ID required for entry between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m, open to the public during other working hours
	Wayne State U	ID required 6pm until closing every night. Non-affiliated people can enter after

		6pm if present picture ID and sign in.
Restricted Access (not clear as to the mechanism)	Cleveland State University	Only open to currently registered students, faculty and staff after 8:00 p.m. (Sunday – Thursday)
	Georgia State University	Public visitors who are not affiliated with Georgia State University are allowed limited access to the library
	Univ. of Toledo	Open to the public during working hours
	UMass Boston	Open to the public during working hours
	University of Memphis	Open to the public during working hours
Unrestricted Access (security mechanism unclear)	Univ of Pittsburgh Univ of Houston	
Practices unclear	Univ of MO, St. Louis, IUPU, Indianapolis	

## Details

### **Columbia:**

- Columbia faculty, students and staff must present a Columbia ID upon entering library facilities. Members of affiliated institutions such as Barnard College, Teacher's College, and Union Theological Seminary must present a valid ID from relevant school.
- Columbia welcomes the use of its collections by guest researchers and scholars, as well as members of certain partner organizations. Non-affiliates may be responsible for a visitor privilege fee
- <http://library.columbia.edu/help/faq.html> and <http://library.columbia.edu/services/using-libraries.html>

### **University of Pennsylvania**

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- Penn faculty, staff, and students need to show or swipe their PennCard to enter many of the Penn Libraries. It is important to carry your PennCard because you will need to show it when you borrow books, use reserve materials, use the Library's computer labs, etc.
- Access policies vary by library and may change during reading and exam periods. Changes in access for a particular library may be due to seating limitations, reduced staffing levels, or reasons of security and safety.
- Visitors may enter many of Penn's Libraries on weekdays without making prior arrangements. Presentation of a current, valid government or school-issued photo I.D. that contains an expiration date is required. Access is restricted on the weekends and holidays. For more information, please see Visitor Information
- [http://www.library.upenn.edu/access/visitors.html](http://www.library.upenn.edu/access/visitors/visitors.html)
- <http://www.library.upenn.edu/access/>

#### **University of Cincinnati**

- A UC ID or a valid photo ID is required for entry into Langsam Library after 6pm.
- <http://www.libraries.uc.edu/about/hours.html>

#### **UW Milwaukee**

- <http://guides.library.uwm.edu/c.php?g=56459&p=363132#6509324>
- The library building, its collections, and selected research computers are open to the general public. During overnight hours (7pm-7am), a current UWM ID (PantherCard) is required for entrance. See the hours page for more information. *(from 7pm-11pm, the public can enter, just have to show an ID. Only students allowed after 11pm)*

#### **Univ. AL, Birmingham**

- <http://www.uab.edu/lister/faq?ID=12#faqItem>    <http://www.uab.edu/lister/hours>
- The library is open 7am-11pm, and the reference is open 8am-6pm.
- Those allowed in the library include faculty, staff, students (of any university), health professionals, legal professionals, and members of the university's alumni (with alumni card and photo I.D.)
- Anyone not included in this group will be directed to the local public library

#### **Univ. of MO, St Louis**

- <https://www.umsl.edu/library/about-the-libraries/hours.html>
- The library is treated as any other campus building, and is only accessible during working hours (previous link)

#### **Cleveland State U.**

- <http://library.csuohio.edu/information/hours.html>
- From 10 pm to midnight, service is limited to the Library first & second floors only .  
Only open to currently registered students, faculty and staff after 8:00 p.m. (Sunday – Thursday)

#### **Georgia State U**

- <http://library.gsu.edu/files/2014/06/Atlanta-Campus-Library-Access-Policy-2016-09-13.pdf>
- Public visitors who are not affiliated with Georgia State University are allowed limited access to the library

- Georgia State University Alumni Association members with a valid Alumni Association card have access to the library buildings during regular library hours according to the Library Access Policy

#### **Univ. of Pittsburgh**

- <http://www.library.pitt.edu/non-pitt-community>
- Our collections and services are staffed and funded to serve the scholarly needs of the University of Pittsburgh faculty, students, and staff; however, we welcome Pittsburgh community visitors to access our major academic research library

#### **Univ. of Houston**

- <http://info.lib.uh.edu/policies/libraries-privileges#visitors>
- UH Libraries welcomes visitors and community members to use library spaces.
- 24 Hour Access

#### **Univ. of Illinois, Chicago**

- <http://library.uic.edu/libraries/dailey/hours>
- All library locations are open to anyone, though some restrictions apply if you are not affiliated with UIC. Visitors can use books and other materials and services (such as research help) in person during most of the hours the library locations are open.
- Photo ID is required during certain hours that the library is open

#### **Temple University**

- <https://library.temple.edu/about/policies/entrance-university-libraries>
- The Temple University Libraries on main and Ambler campuses are open to the general public
- Individuals not affiliated with the University may enter the Libraries as long as they provide photo identification upon request, sign an entrance log if requested to do so, and observe the Code of Conduct for Library Users

#### **IUPUI, Indianapolis**

- <http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/about/hours>
- During final exams, University Library may be open extended hours. Only students, staff, and faculty with a valid JagTag are allowed during these hours. Library services and hours may vary, and not all areas of the library will be open.

#### **Univ. of Toledo**

- <http://www.utoledo.edu/library/info/hours.html>
- Open to the public during working hours

#### **UMass Boston**

- <https://www.umb.edu/library/about/hours>
- The library is closed when the rest of campus is closed
- Open to the public during working hours

#### **Virginia Commonwealth U.**

- <https://www.library.vcu.edu/about/libraries/cabell/hours/>
- VCU ID required for entry between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m, open to the public during other working hours

**Univ. Memphis**

- <http://www.memphis.edu/libraries/about/hours/>
- Open to the public during working hours

**Wayne State U.**

- <https://library.wayne.edu/hours.php>
- As part of a series of security measures the libraries do check for ID's at the entrances of UGL, SEL, Purdy, Kresge and Shiffman-Mazurek Libraries from 6pm until closing every night. Anyone affiliated with the University (students, faculty, staff) should be advised to bring their OneCard when entering the libraries after 6pm.
- Unaffiliated users should be advised to bring some form of picture ID (driver's license, state id, etc). Unaffiliated users will also be asked to sign in upon entering the building. Anyone who cannot present a picture ID will have to speak with a supervisor before gaining admittance to the building.