Sociologist Elijah Anderson calls the free and open spaces where we meet and interact “cosmopolitan canopies.”

The cosmopolitan canopy at Marquette University — the space where students, faculty and staff converge, work and study — is the Raynor Memorial Libraries at the heart of our campus. We wholeheartedly embrace our role and are dedicated to maintaining our place as a leader in the Marquette community. Our staff is committed to collaborative initiatives with faculty as we cultivate a center for engagement through service and stewardship. And we pride ourselves on creating an environment that plays a critical role in university research.

We are an institution that focuses on the needs of today and the possibilities of tomorrow, and we envision the future to anticipate and meet the growing information needs of a prestigious university. We foster growth in learning, scholarship and discovery, all of which are key components of a Catholic, Jesuit education.

Janice Welburn, Dean of Libraries

“A COSMOPOLITAN CANOPY”

Raynor Memorial Libraries provide our campus with a learning environment that supports students and faculty in acquiring the critical skills needed to ‘Be The Difference.’

“I studied at the Les Aspin Center for Government in Washington, D.C., and had to do several research papers. Although I lived four blocks from the Library of Congress, I used Raynor’s databases and online journals to complete my projects.”

— Melanie Baier, political science and international affairs major
The libraries’ primary responsibility is to fulfill the needs of the university community. But we are cognizant of our greater leadership role in the city, state and region, as well as within a national network of colleges and universities serving research and scholarship globally. As such, Marquette University invested in establishing this multifaceted facility that serves as a place to collect and preserve knowledge and provide access to information through discovery and learning.

The John P. Raynor, S.J., Library opened in 2003 and was designed around an information commons concept. Raynor Library incorporates print and electronic resources, technology to support new forms of digital scholarship, areas for group and individual work and trained staff to provide assistance. Students and scholars also have access to these key resources:

- Special Collections and University Archives
- Center for Teaching and Learning
- Norman H. Ott Memorial Writing Center

Memorial Library, accessed via a connecting bridge, houses the bulk of the university’s more than 1.7 million-volume collection, including books and bound journals, and provides quiet study seating for more than 1,000 students.

For more information, visit www.marquette.edu/library

“The libraries provide an atmosphere for serious academic work and research through which students are able to discover and broaden their horizons. The experience acquired through the use of the facilities, together with the help of the staff, affords users the opportunity to learn and contribute to the university community and the world as a whole.”

— Alec Mensah, economics major

“Raynor Memorial Libraries are the true heart of our campus and an invaluable resource to our students and faculty.”

— Rev. Robert A. Wild, S.J., president of Marquette University
“Teaching at Marquette is a privilege and a responsibility. Faculty members work with highly intelligent, deeply engaged students in an effort to bring them to a full awareness of what they can do as well-rounded human beings. Raynor Memorial Libraries play a crucial role in advancing the formative experiences of the entire Marquette community.”

— Dr. Michael Gillespie, Louise Edna Goeden Professor of English

RAYNOR LIBRARY: THE INTERSECTION OF TEACHING, RESEARCH AND LEARNING

Marquette University faculty and staff come from all over the world and specialize in subjects ranging from aeronautics to women’s studies. As educators committed to the Jesuit tradition of scholarship, each plays a significant role in guiding our students to become men and women for others. Regular review of our resources ensures that the services, staffing and technologies consistently meet the needs of students and faculty. Based on ongoing assessment, improvements are continually made to cement the libraries’ role as a leading research center. Among our vast resources and services, we provide:

- research consultations and course- or group-specific instruction in research sources and methods
- more than 275 databases providing access to journal articles and primary texts
- more than 29,000 periodicals, including 26,000 in digital format
- DVD, video and CD media collection
- wireless Internet access
- 240 PC workstations, plus laptops available for check out

As a center for engagement, we value discovery and promote an environment for lifelong learning for ourselves and the community we serve.

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The Department of Special Collections and University Archives preserves and provides access to more than 17,500 cubic feet of manuscripts and university records and more than 7,000 volumes of rare books, some of which were owned by the university when it was founded. The collection development program specializes in Catholic Social Action, Catholic Native America, the fiction of J.R.R. Tolkien and the university's historic records. Some of the cornerstone Catholic Social Action collections are the Dorothy Day-Catholic Worker, the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice and the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

The department also collects and preserves Catholic records documenting Native America, plus personal papers, oral histories, audiovisual recordings, photographs, newsletters and the products of research that benefit from these collections. Of particular interest are notable at-risk collections that otherwise might not be saved. The department also is open to accepting other compatible collections relating to indigenous people of the Americas.

The University Archives preserves the documentary heritage of Marquette, including student life, intercollegiate athletics and faculty teaching and research. Archivists also support academic and administrative offices with special programming and exhibitions.

For more information, visit www.marquette.edu/library/collections/archives

e-Scholarship@Marquette

e-Scholarship@Marquette brings together the unique intellectual resources of the university and makes them available electronically. e-Scholarship is organized into two sections, e-Publications and e-Archives.

e-Publications@Marquette is Marquette’s institutional repository, a site where students and faculty can archive and distribute their work in an online, open-access environment. e-Archives@Marquette draws from the unique collections of Special Collections and University Archives and provides online access to important primary sources and other unique materials.

Researchers can find photographs from the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, audio excerpts from Joseph McCarthy’s career in the U.S. Senate and copies of the Hilltop yearbooks from 1915-1996.

Other e-Scholarship highlights:

- Full text of dissertations and theses of Marquette students
- Faculty-created sites to increase the visibility of their research
- The Women in Blue & Gold Collection, documenting women’s intercollegiate sports through the 1999-2000 season

McKenney and Hall’s History of the Indian Tribes of North America (1838-1844) offers some of the finest lithography of the 19th century.

St. Augustine’s De Civitate Dei: The City of God is a 1473 edition from the presses of Gutenberg’s successors in Germany.

The J.R.R. Tolkien Collection contains manuscripts for The Hobbit, Farmer Giles of Ham and The Lord of the Rings.

The Dorothy Day-Catholic Worker Collection includes papers and audiovisual materials from the co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement.
TRENDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION LIBRARIES

E-books, online journals and other digital resources are the wave of the academic future and the tools most commonly used by today’s students and scholars to learn and discover new knowledge. But digitization of information has led to issues in electronic publishing, institutional repositories and submission and preservation of born-digital research.

It is our job to ensure information accuracy and fluency for the Marquette community, while increasing access to and support for electronic resources and digital technologies. Our vision is for students and faculty to say Raynor Memorial Libraries play an essential role in their course work and studies and that the knowledge they acquire at the libraries helps them make a difference in the world.

As a Jesuit institution, we build our academic strength on our identity. As we proceed to meet the challenges of higher education in the 21st century, we will build on this strength and continue to respond to the changing scholarly, teaching and learning needs of the Marquette community.

“Collaborative spaces, rich print and electronic resources, cutting-edge technology and a dynamic staff make the libraries a center for student learning.”

— Jean Zanoni, associate dean of libraries

“Raynor Memorial Libraries provide manifold opportunities to conduct electronic and traditional research. I have been impressed by the libraries’ unstinting support of personal research, as well as pedagogical projects. Above all, the staff is conscientious, cooperative and collaborative. I look forward to going to the library, where I will see friends as well as colleagues.”

— Dr. Phillip Naylor, associate professor of history
“Psychology is an amazingly diverse field today, encompassing the social and clinical sciences, the biological sciences and neurosciences and the health care industry. As such, our faculty and students must be knowledgeable about the latest research in all areas. I have been impressed with Dean Janice Welburn’s leadership in ensuring that the libraries provide immediate access to up-to-date collections. She also has a staff that I find the best in the business.”
— Dr. Kristy A. Nielson, associate professor and chair, Department of Psychology

“Living Libraries

Many people wonder about the fate of libraries in an environment of digital, Web-based information. What role does the library — all libraries worldwide — play if the information students, faculty and staff need is online?

This is the kind of discussion that underscores the need for continual renewal of the library as a physical place on campus. The library adds wonderful cohesion to what could become increasingly fragmented campuses. The library serves as the “cosmopolitan canopy” for the university.

Keeping this space current means tapping into old resources and developing new ones. The library is committed to seeking grant funding from private sources and governmental agencies and cultivating and expanding relationships with donors to support the purchase of new resources. We do this in support of scholarship and in support of the Marquette community.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about Raynor Memorial Libraries, please call Dean Janice Welburn at (414) 288-7214.

“We have seen exponential growth in the use of our libraries to meet the demand for best practices in strategic planning in all professions and business sectors, including the health care industry.”
— Dr. Lawrence Pan, professor and chair, Department of Physical Therapy