Libraries Overview

Marquette’s Raynor Memorial Libraries and Ray and Kay Eckstein Law Library support the university’s teaching, research and service mission by providing access to vast collections of recorded knowledge as well as a variety of research services, friendly expertise, technology tools and collaborative spaces.

Raynor Memorial Libraries

Raynor Memorial Libraries, positioned at the physical and intellectual center of campus, offers a host of services, resources and spaces to help the Marquette community learn, discover and share knowledge. Although it has the footprint of a single library, Raynor Memorial Libraries is comprised of two buildings, each with its own distinctive character: Raynor Library (built in 2003) and Memorial Library (built in 1957).

Raynor Library, open 24/5 during the fall and spring terms, offers a variety of technology-enhanced study areas and reservable study rooms. In addition, it is home to many library services—including research support, information literacy instruction, digital scholarship services, and funding information—as well as centers for writing and faculty development. Raynor Library is also home to the Department of Special Collections and University Archives, whose unique materials include original J.R.R. Tolkien manuscripts, Dorothy Day’s papers, Marquette’s historical records and a sizeable rare-book collection. Other notable collections in Raynor Library focus on Milwaukee music recordings and Christian spirituality.

Memorial Library houses the majority of the library’s print collection—more than 1.5 million printed volumes—as well as a variety of quiet study spaces and reservable research carrels. It is connected to Raynor Library via the 2nd-level bridge, home to the popular Brew @ the Bridge café.

In addition to its physical spaces, Raynor Memorial Libraries offers an ever-growing suite of digital collections and services. Online collections include about 500 research databases, 2.5 million e-books, 64,000 journals and 32,000 online materials produced by Marquette’s own scholarly community. Online services include subject-based research guides and online research assistance via text, e-mail and 24/7 chat.

For more information on Raynor Memorial Libraries, visit the Raynor Memorial Libraries website (http://www.marquette.edu/library/).

Law Library

The primary mission of the Marquette University Law Library is to support the research activities of the Marquette University Law School students and faculty. The law librarians who hold both a law degree and a library degree teach a variety of law-related research courses within the law school and a number of legal research sessions for various departments on campus.

The Law Library is located in Eckstein Hall. The Law Library maintains a comprehensive electronic and a selective print collection of primary legal materials from all federal and state jurisdictions as well as a collection of selected international and comparative legal materials. In addition, the Law Library provides the entire campus with electronic subscriptions to resources that include ProQuest federal legislative history materials and HeinOnline. The Law Library is a selective depository of federal government law-related documents. The Law Library subscribes to a number of electronic legal research databases available to anyone using the Law Library. Law Library users may also access a comprehensive collection of both print and electronic Wisconsin legal research resources while in the law building.

For more information about the Eckstein Law Library, visit the Law Library website (https://law.marquette.edu/law-library/eckstein-law-library/).