

# Raynor Library

## *Empowering Connections*



**MARQUETTE**  
UNIVERSITY

**BE THE DIFFERENCE.**

Connections. That's the power behind Raynor Library's expertise in fueling personal growth, learning, discovery, and research. The Raynor connects:

1. **Students to each other** in welcoming, learning-centered 24/5 spaces with services unlike any other on campus. It's a "third space" beyond the classroom and residence halls, featuring comfortable, technology-enhanced areas for individual and group study, a podcast/video editing room, and a meditation room.
2. **Librarians to students, faculty, and researchers from beyond the Marquette community**, removing barriers to information and technology while facilitating both personal-touch services that drive knowledge and scholarship as well as collaborative partnerships that support course-integrated skill development, learning, and innovative thinking.
3. **People to programming and resources** that help individuals develop their full potential for the greater good. Raynor Library is truly a powerhouse of extensive and unique offerings across print and online platforms as well as other physical assets.

**Millions of e-books, e-journals, and databases.**

**1.5 million print books.**

**e-Publications@Marquette.**  
Free access to Marquette-produced research, boosting worldwide impact of Marquette scholars.

**Special collections that attract researchers far and near.**

Ranging from local and university archives to national records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to manuscripts of internationally acclaimed author J.R.R. Tolkien.

Beyond the library's direct resources, it also houses or connects students to adjacent resources like the Lemonis Center for Student Success, the Writing Center, MU Press, and Marquette's Center for Teaching and Learning.

**You can help power connections that empower.**



### ***Power of High-impact Research***

Studies indicate that research is one of the strongest high-impact educational practices. Accordingly, the Raynor offers specialized research expertise and general research help.



### ***Power of Raynor Library***

"I appreciate that there is a location within the Raynor for every learning style...so that I can constantly spice up my learning environment."

– Sophomore, *Engineering/Computer Science*

"The Raynor is always an inviting space, and I know that help is always available if I should need it."

– Freshman, *Health Sciences*

"I think the staff at the Raynor is the best part about it."

– Junior, *Business*

## LEADERSHIP GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### **\$1M – Support research regarding the critical nature of freedom of speech and free press by strengthening development of the James Wright Foley Archives Collection.**

The Raynor houses work, letters, notes from captivity, personal mementos and much of the material used in a documentary about James Foley, a 1996 alumnus and late journalist whose defense of conflict journalism resulted in imprisonment, ultimately costing his life while reporting from war-torn Syria in 2014. Reflective of Marquette's mission to prepare women and men to Be The Difference, his legacy calls us to create an endowment to sustain support for a dedicated archivist, appropriate digital and physical preservation, and promotion of this collection.

### **\$500K-\$1M – Support a Technology Excellence Endowment Fund.**

Excellence funds are invaluable for targeted academic needs, the greatest of which in the Raynor is to ensure student access to digital technology and library materials — resources vital to academic excellence and student success. A Technology Excellence Endowment Fund would sustain in perpetuity the purchase and maintenance of:

- Updated technology, including sufficient laptops for checkout.
- Technology that ensures student access to resources through self-service. This is important because staff are not available 24/7, although some areas in the Raynor offer around-the-clock hours.

As described below, immediate-impact gifts can also help provide unhindered access to digital and print materials.

## TOP GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

**\$125K+** – Support a named Technology Excellence Fund that provides for immediate needs such as the following:

- **\$40K+** - To develop digital course texts that students can use free of charge to reduce hidden barriers to learning.
- **\$30K** – To purchase a vending/lending machine that ensures students have basic tech items (charging cables, laptops, etc.) whenever needed.
- **\$9K** – To purchase a self-checkout machine that lets students borrow books at all hours.

If you would like to learn more about making a gift to help Raynor Library power empowering connections, please contact one of the following University Advancement representatives.

### **Computers are Essential to Student Success**

Notably, 25 percent of all items checked out from the Raynor Library are laptops.

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