

Mission and Values Statements

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Mission Statement

The Monroe Library is a catalyst for teaching and learning at Loyola University New Orleans. Students and faculty gather to engage in research and to exchange ideas in our classrooms and learning spaces. We educate and empower students to successfully navigate an information-rich world. We are dedicated to the development of our students as independent and critical learners.

We connect users with the resources they need and provide tools and support for the creation of new content by our students and faculty. We are active participants in scholarly communication. Our unique collections document and preserve the history of the university, the Society of Jesus, New Orleans, and the South, providing scholars with access to rich historical materials.

We collaborate with faculty to foster best practices in information literacy instruction, online course design, and the use of new technologies as partners in the advancement of teaching and learning. The library faculty and staff are open to new insights and the search for compelling ideas, guiding our community through the challenges and opportunities of the next century at Loyola.

Values Statement

Our values are driven by the concept of *cura personalis*, which means care for the whole person.

We are dedicated to the success of our students above all else. We approach each interaction with our students as a means for engagement and understanding. Our responsibility for the development and education of each student is reflected in all that we do.

We believe in collaborating across the university. We value the unique insights and expertise of our partners.

We believe in responding to our users' needs with professionalism. We value responsiveness, creativity, and continuous improvement in order to consistently offer better services.

We believe in community engagement. We value our distinctive collections, community partnerships, and rich cultural heritage as a Jesuit institution in New Orleans.