



Walking Tour

Welcome to the award-winning Monroe Library. This 150,000 square foot building was completed in 1999, and contains approximately 390,000 volumes. Loyola users can connect to the campus wireless network from anywhere in the library or plug into one of the hundreds of data jacks throughout the building.

Visitors will also notice a wide variety of art on exhibit throughout the library. Many of these pieces are by Loyola students, faculty, and alumni.

The Monroe Library has been recognized with a number of awards:

- ❖ The Monroe Library has been selected as one of the top 10 college libraries as ranked by the Princeton Review for the last four years, earning the number 5 spot after Harvard, Princeton, Columbia and Duke in the 2010 edition.
- ❖ 2004 H.W. Wilson Award for Professional Development
- ❖ 2003 ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award
 - Sponsored by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), the award recognizes the faculty and staff of a university library for programs that deliver exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of the institution.
- ❖ Architectural award
 - In January of 2000 the Monroe Library won the People's Choice! Award, sponsored by the Gambit Weekly and the American Institute of Architects New Orleans chapter. Gambit readers were given a chance to vote for their favorite new New Orleans building from among four entries. The Monroe Library was selected in a landslide victory.

The First Floor - Learning Commons

The first floor of the Monroe Library is known as the **Learning Commons**, a collaborative space where students, faculty, and staff can come together to study, learn, teach, create, and socialize. The Learning Commons is dedicated to fostering collaborative learning among students, faculty, and staff in a resource-rich and inviting environment.

The **Learning Commons Desk** is the main service point for the library. We provide research assistance, technology support, circulation, reserves, and referrals from this active desk. Users can check out books, laptops, digital cameras, MIDI keyboards, popular films, class reserves, and many other items. The library also offers a virtual reference service that is staffed 24/7 by librarians. We are in partnership with the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities to staff the service.

Common Grounds Café is open Monday-Thursday during the school year and offers coffee, tea, and assorted pastries.

Three IT computer labs with 26 computers each can be found on the first floor as you exit past the Common Grounds Café down the hall towards Loyola St. The computers have internet access and a

variety of applications software. At the end of each semester the library is open 24/7. At this time, students may enter and exit through this hallway using their Loyola ID.

Writing Across the Curriculum tutors are also available to assist students at the Learning Commons Desk.

The Learning Commons provides ample **space for study**, both collaborative and individual. In the **Laptop Area**, students and faculty can use the flexible furniture and moveable white boards to create group space suited to their needs. Adjacent to the Laptop area, computers organized in snowflake formation provide space ideal for both group and individual study.

Adjacent to the LC Desk, you'll find the **multimedia creation area** where students and faculty can use high-end Macs or PCs to create multimedia presentations and scan documents or images.

The **Living Room (Room 101)** is a state-of-the-art teaching and learning facility that was developed through generous donations by Loyola parents. Faculty and students can arrange the room for many purposes, including group study, group presentations, discussions, and workshops.

The **DVD Collection** is located behind the Snowflake computer area. This browsable collection includes approximately 1400 titles and features many films found on the AFI top 100 list.

Media Services is responsible for AV equipment for classes and presentations. Media Services staff assist students and faculty with technology projects that support teaching and learning.

Multimedia Macintosh Classroom (Room 113)

The library formed a **partnership** with IT, Visual Arts, Music, and Communications to create this classroom. The student artwork on the walls in the Mac computer area outside the Multimedia Macintosh Classroom was created by students using the equipment in the classroom.

The **Macintosh Computer Area**, found at the back of the first floor, includes 18 Macs, a printer and a scanner.

The library **Music Collection** has over 12,000 CDs available for checkout. The collection also contains an extensive collection of scores as well as books and journals on music theory and performance. There are also listening stations for student use.



On the Mezzanine Level

(Up the small staircase or take the back elevator from the first floor)

Multimedia Classrooms (Rooms 133 & 134)

There are two multimedia classrooms on the mezzanine. Each classroom offers a presentation podium outfitted with a computer or laptop hook-up, a DVD and VHS player, a stereo system, and a document camera. Network and power hook-ups are available at each seat. The technology and the architecture of these rooms help to foster all types of presentations and discussion.



The Second Floor

The third floor contains current and back issues of periodicals in alphabetical order, books with call numbers A – G, and group study rooms for student use. The front area of the second floor is available for one-to-one studying and tutoring. As you go to the back, it becomes a Quiet Area for individual study.

The **Library Instruction Classroom** (to your right as you exit the elevator on the second floor) is where librarians conduct instruction sessions and workshops for students. We teach students how to do research and how to use software helpful to their classes. When not in use, the LI classroom is used as an open lab.

Lindy Boggs National Center for Community Literacy is on the second floor to your left as you exit the elevators; they do research on literacy issues and identify funding sources for literacy programs.



The Third Floor

The third floor contains books with call numbers H – Z, faculty research study rooms, and group study rooms for students. It is a Quiet Study Area.

The administrative offices for the Dean of Librarians and the Special Assistant to the Provost and Director of the Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship are located at the front of the third floor. **The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship** works in partnership with the library and offers consulting, training and support to faculty.

Special Collections & Archives contains the University Archives, the papers of Fr. Joseph Fichter, S.J., who was active in the Civil Rights movement in New Orleans, the papers of Fr. Patrick Samway, S.J., who published a biography of Walker Percy, and the Cornet Collection.

The Dux Academicus corner offers a display of award recipients. The Dux Academicus award is the highest honor a professor at Loyola can receive for excellence in teaching and scholarship.



Fourth Floor

The **Collins C. Diboll Art Gallery** and Visual Arts Center is located on the 4th floor of the Monroe Library. The Diboll Gallery occupies the entire upper floor of the library. There are exhibits by local and national artists on display throughout the academic year. Admission to the Diboll Gallery is free and open to the public.