Other Libraries

Morrow Library:
Morrow Library houses about two-thirds of the libraries’ book collection, pre-1996 journal issues, and completed journal series; and the Government Documents and Special Collections departments.

Government Documents:
As the second largest depository for federal government documents in the state, this department houses over a million items, a significant percent of all materials published and distributed by the federal government.

Special Collections:
Special Collections houses many materials including rare documents and materials pertaining to Marshall. Over 700 manuscript collections contain primary records of individuals, organizations, businesses and other groups from the Tri-State region. The University Archives record the history of Marshall, including such items as old yearbooks and copies of The Parthenon. Digital exhibits representing our collections are available on the world wide web.

Health Sciences Library:
The Health Sciences Library is located on the Second Level of the Rural Health Center, which is on the same site as the Cabell-Huntington Hospital. The Library subscribes to approximately 400 journals in the biomedical and nursing fields. A fifteen year run is kept for most journals. The book collection contains approximately 9,000 volumes.

Music Library:
Supporting the instruction and research needs of the Music Department, the library collection includes more than 10,000 sound recordings (tape, LP & CD format), 10,000 scores, music education materials and a sizeable reference collection. Although its primary focus is classical, a growing number of jazz, and folk are available as well.

MU Graduate Library:
The Graduate College Library in South Charleston opened in late 1997. Located in the Robert C. Byrd Academic and Technology Center, the library contains 7,400 books and 400 current journal subscriptions, with online access to over 7,000 periodical titles. There are eight public computer terminals where users can access the integrated Marshall library catalog, bibliographic and full-text-journal databases, and the wide range of other resources available over the Internet.

Chemistry Collection:
The Hoback Chemistry Collection is located in the science building on the Huntington main campus. Due to the specialization of the materials in this library, the facility is only open by appointment and accessible to users during regular business hours. Contact the Chemistry Main Office for assistance: (304) 696-2430.

Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where to find information upon it.

—Samuel Johnson
Library Services
Circulation Policies: Borrowing privileges are available to all current Marshall University students, faculty, and staff. Community members wishing to utilize circulation services may purchase a public user card for the low-cost of $45 per year.

Reference Services
The Reference department, staffed by a team of qualified personnel, offers a number of services including research strategies instruction, database usage, MILES (the libraries' online catalog), individualized classroom instruction, and answers in person, by email, or instant messaging.

Media Services
The Media department offers numerous journals and newspapers on microfilm, as well as research collections and ERIC documents. There is also a large video collection: Fictional videos are shelved on the second floor next to the Media desk and non-fictional videos are shelved with books on the same subject in the regular collection.

Library Statistics:
- Nearly 1.7 million titles compromise Marshall University Libraries’ collection.
- Marshall Library currently subscribes to nearly 4,500 periodicals—newspapers, popular magazines, and scholarly journals.
- Marshall Libraries subscribe to 95 databases which contain access to 22,000 journals.
- Also available for research are government documents, CD-ROMs, DVDs, sound recordings, electronic resources, online reference materials, microforms, and special collections.

Drinko Library, named for John Deaver Drinko, a Marshall University alumnus, opened its doors in October 1998. The library houses over 383,000 volumes, current subscriptions, a 24-hour computer lab, multimedia presentation facilities, an assistive technology center for the visually impaired, and faculty/student instructional technology rooms.

Designed by the firm of Perry, Dean, and Rogers the building cost $33 million and was funded in part through generous donations of alumni, friends, and businesses.

The library aids the educational journey in many ways. Besides the books, publications, services and electronic resources which the library provides, the building also offers an auditorium, over 120 computer terminals, study and collaboration rooms, and a wireless computer network.