

MARIAN LIBRARY

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The Marian Library (<https://udayton.edu/marianlibrary/>) houses the world's largest dedicated collection of materials on the Blessed Virgin Mary. It contains information about the Virgin Mary found in works on Scripture, doctrine, history, tradition, art, culture, spirituality, and devotion. Though its main offices are on the seventh floor of Roesch Library, its collections are on view all over campus. Since its opening in 1943, the Marian Library's outreach has taken many forms in order to reach all who wish to know, love, and serve Mary:

- Frequent collaboration with teaching faculty to host undergraduate and graduate classes.
- Materials in more than 100 languages.
- More than 100,000 circulating books.
- More than 12,000 rare books.
- 2,500 audio-visual items.
- 175 archival collections, including 30,000 Marian postcards and a nearly complete set of Marian postage stamps.
- 3,600 Nativity sets from around the world.
- More than 100 art exhibitions since 1988.
- A blog by Marian Library faculty and staff.
- A diverse assortment of digital archival materials available for download.

In addition to publishing the Marian Library Newsletter (https://ecommons.udayton.edu/ml_newsletter/), the Marian Library hosts the online publication of Marian Studies (https://ecommons.udayton.edu/marian_studies/) – the papers given at the annual meeting of the Mariological Society of America, which has its headquarters at the Marian Library. The Marian Library's collections can be accessed via the University Libraries' online catalog. Hours and information on current art exhibits can be found on the website (<https://www.udayton.edu/marianlibrary/>).