

Marshall Brooks Library

The Marshall Brooks Library supports and enhances the mission of Principia College by creating an atmosphere conducive to learning and reflection. The library promotes information literacy, the preservation of culture, and the creation of knowledge by providing access to quality collections, instruction, services and spaces.

Open daily during the academic term, the library offers an extensive book collection, DVDs, streaming video titles, private study carrels, reservable rooms for group meetings, presentation suites, and a host of computers, laptops, a printer, and a high-speed scanner. The library participates in the I-Share system with 88 other Illinois libraries which provides our students access to over 38 million items via our daily weekday courier service. The library also offers access to over 47,000 electronic journals and over 430,000 e-books through its website (<https://library.principiacollege.edu/welcome/>).

Available resources go beyond those of a traditional library to include the Principia Archives (<https://library.principiacollege.edu/Archives/Welcome/>) and the Special Collections (<https://library.principiacollege.edu/about/specialcollections/>) of artifacts, fine art, rare books, and manuscripts in support of scholarly research. Librarians partner with classroom faculty to provide tailored library instruction sessions across the curriculum. During the day, the library is staffed by professional researchers who are available in person, via chat, or by phone to assist with research. In the evening, the library is staffed with peer tutors who can assist with writing and research.