



The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library

Welcome to the library of the future

“Groundbreaking research thrives on ready access to a wealth of scholarly materials and inspiring spaces for their exploration. The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library gives us both.”

— *Judith Nadler, Director and University Librarian*

Welcome to the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library, where unique engineering and bold design come together at the heart of campus to foster intellectual discovery.

The Mansueto Library creates new spaces and tools for collections, preservation, and collaboration. Designed by Helmut Jahn, its inviting research space includes the Grand Reading Room, where scholars from all disciplines can work under a soaring elliptical glass dome with views of the historic UChicago campus.

The Mansueto Library can hold the equivalent of 3.5 million volumes, giving scholars and students immediate access to the materials they need for research.

Mansueto’s high-density automated storage and retrieval system (ASRS) requires just one-seventh of the space of regular stacks. When users request an item, a robotic crane retrieves the material within minutes.

A cross-disciplinary collection of materials from the existing libraries on campus will be united in the Mansueto Library. By opening up space in other campus libraries, the Mansueto Library allows for the creation of new study areas and fresh opportunities for collaboration within the libraries’ walls.

The Mansueto Library also houses state-of-the-art conservation and digitization laboratories that will preserve rare materials in their original form and through digitization. The digitization projects conducted here will enable research worldwide as well as innovative approaches to scholarly cooperation.

For more information, visit mansueto.lib.uchicago.edu

Inside the Joe and Rika Mansueto Library

Ground Floor

Grand Reading Room

This 8,000-square-foot room provides comfortable seating for 180 faculty, students and visiting scholars under a soaring elliptical glass dome.

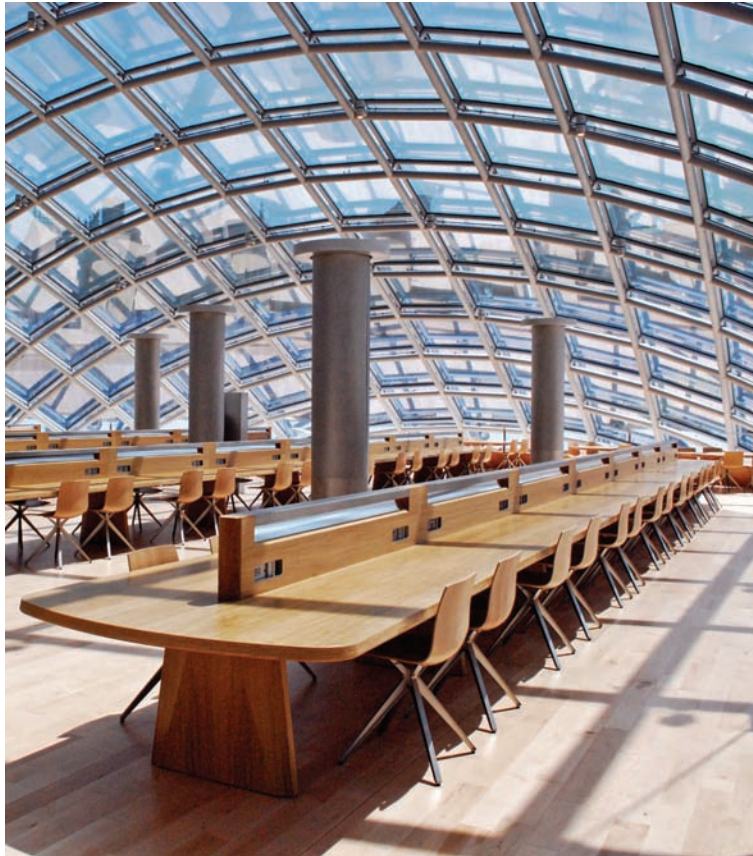
Circulation Service Center

Library users check out materials they requested from the ASRS and obtain information from Library staff.

Preservation Department

The Library's capacity to preserve its rich collections is greatly expanded in the new 6,000-square-foot area, which includes:

- **Conservation Laboratory**
A special paper washing sink, fume hoods, a suction table and ultrasonic encapsulator are used alongside traditional bookbinding equipment such as presses and sewing frames to conserve original artifacts.
- **Digitization Laboratory**
Digital cameras and scanners are used to create high-resolution digital images of unique book and paper materials.



Grand Reading Room facing south

Basement

Automated Storage and Retrieval System: The ASRS shelves materials underground by size rather than library classification, in racks extending 50 feet down, with a capacity to hold 3.5 million volume equivalents.



Grand Reading Room facing north

About Joe and Rika Mansueto

In Spring 2008, Joe and Rika Mansueto made an extraordinary gift of \$25 million to the University of Chicago. In recognition of their generosity, the University has named this state-of-the-art library for them.

Joe Mansueto, Chairman and CEO of Morningstar, Inc., received his bachelor's degree from the University in 1978 and his MBA from Chicago Booth in 1980; Rika Mansueto received her UChicago bachelor's degree in 1991.

Joe founded Morningstar, a premier investment research, analysis, and information firm, in 1984. Rika was an editor at Morningstar for several years. Joe received a University of Chicago Alumni Association Professional Achievement Award in 2003 and the University of Chicago Booth School of Business Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2000.

"Like most students at the University, we found the Library to be a central part of the experience. Our typical days included going to Regenstein every night," Joe Mansueto said. "It was really interwoven into our daily routines at the University. So when we were looking to give a gift to the school, a new library resonated with us."



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