

EXPERIENCE THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Additional Opportunities for your Guests

We love the opportunity to show visitors the true gems housed at the Boston Public Library, and would be happy to schedule a private tour for your group. Here is a sampling of our offerings:



Art and Architecture Tours of the McKim Building

Private tours led by our volunteer guides can be customized to your group and range from 30-60 minutes in length. Highlights include:

Mural cycles by Pierre Puvis de Chavannes, Edwin Austin Abbey, and John Singer Sargent

Sculpture by Daniel Chester French, Bela Pratt, Frederick MacMonnies, and Augustus Saint-Gaudens

Building details by Architect Charles Follen McKim and vault designer Rafael Guastavino

Each guide comes at a cost of \$200 per hour and can accommodate 20 guests (four guide maximum per event).

Norman B. Leventhal Map Center

The Map Center collection includes over 200,000 maps and 5,000 atlases dating back to the 15th century. A curated tour through the current exhibition or viewing of items stored in the vault will be the highlight of your event. The Map Center Collection includes:

Geographia, originally produced by Claudius Ptolemy, printed in 1482.

First Printed Map of Boston, a plan of the Town of Boston (1725-1728) by John Bonner.

Theatrum Orbis Terrarum (1570), by Abraham Ortelius. A spectacularly colored and illustrated atlas showing maps of the world based on contemporary exploration.

Viewings in the Norman B. Leventhal Map Center begin at \$1,500.

Requests must be received at least 4 weeks in advance and are not guaranteed until you have received confirmation from the Boston Public Library. Contact the Events Office for more information: 617.859.2212.