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 (two guide maximum per event).*

**Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education 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 6 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.