



# Events

AT THE NEWBERRY







## THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY

One of Chicago's premier cultural institutions, the Newberry Library is also among the city's most historic buildings. Its ornate façade, Romanesque entryway, marbled halls, and spacious rooms, make the Newberry an elegant setting for events of any type.

Since its founding in 1887, the Newberry has offered visitors free access to its world-class collection.

With more than 1.6 million books, 600,000 maps, and 5 million manuscript pages, the Newberry is a portal to over six centuries of human history and a sophisticated venue for your event.

By holding your event at the Newberry, you're supporting our mission of fostering a deeper understanding of the past and the present.



# THE LOBBY

Recently restored to its original grandeur, the entry vestibule's barrel-vault ceiling, graphics, and vibrant lighting welcome guests into our grand lobby. The lobby features stunning chandeliers that accentuate our mosaic floors, ornate Corinthian column capitals, and a dramatic marble staircase, creating a sumptuous setting for conference check-in, dinner parties, and cocktail receptions.









# RUGGLES HALL

This spacious, high-ceilinged hall features a herring-bone hardwood floor, vintage chandeliers, gorgeous sconces, and rich mahogany wood paneling. Large windows facing Washington Square Park to the south and neighboring buildings to the east bring the beauty of the park and the energy of the city into the atmosphere. Ruggles Hall is a versatile and elegant setting for conferences, gala dinners, annual meetings, cocktail receptions, lectures, concerts and performances, and fundraising events.









# RETTINGER HALL

Featuring a restored marble floor, recessed lighting, and large windows looking out onto our historic neighborhood, Rettinger Hall is the perfect space for smaller gatherings.





# BASKES BOARDROOM

Our newly designed boardroom is equipped with state-of-the-art technology for modern board and business meetings. This flexible space serves as an excellent learning environment for organizations and academic groups and is especially suitable for networking and social events.






# ROOM CAPACITIES

  
COCKTAILS

  
DINNER

  
CLASSROOM

  
LECTURE / CEREMONY

## LOBBY

  
160


  
80

  
125

## RUGGLES HALL

  
250

  
208


  
108

  
208

## RETTINGER HALL

  
106

  
89


  
49

  
75

## BASKES BOARDROOM

  
101

  
80

  
52

  
75



Filming and photography options available  
Please inquire for recommendations



## **Plan an Event at the Newberry!**

Start your inquiry by contacting us at  
[rentals@newberry.org](mailto:rentals@newberry.org) or (312) 255-3595.

Learn more at [newberry.org/venue-rentals](http://newberry.org/venue-rentals)

We take pride in our historic building. In order to preserve our renowned architecture, we ask that you work with vendors who are insured professionals familiar with our venue guidelines. A list of the Newberry's exclusive caterers and other recommended vendors is available on request.

Your generosity is vital in keeping the Newberry's programs, exhibitions, and reading rooms free and accessible to everyone. To make a donation, call (312) 255-3581 or visit [www.newberry.org/support](http://www.newberry.org/support).

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