
WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Make Your Next Event Historic!

THE WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO HOST YOUR EVENT AT OUR HEADQUARTERS LOCATION.

Centrally located in the heart of downtown Madison on the University of Wisconsin Library Mall, the 1901 historic Headquarters building offers its sophisticated and elegant spaces for the community to provide historical, educational, and social events that support the values of the Historical Society and benefit the Madison community.

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Our Ceremony Venues



READING ROOM LIBRARY



EAST TERRACE



AUDITORIUM



MAIN LOBBY

All venues are ADA accessible. Reservations are held on a first come first serve basis upon receipt of a \$500.00 deposit. All prices subject to change without notice, unless contracted. Events subject to additional security and/or staff charges based on the nature of the event. A final guest count is required 8 business days in advance of the event. The number of guests guaranteed may not be decreased after this point. The wedding ceremony setup fee payment is due no later than 48 hours in advance of the event.

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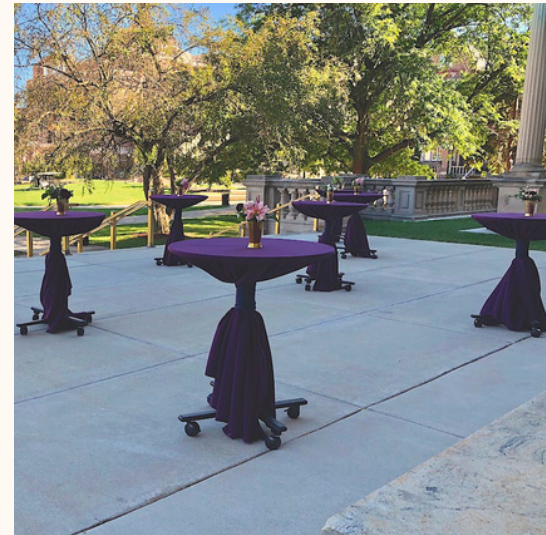
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UW Madison Library Mall
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Our Reception Venues



MAIN LOBBY



EAST TERRACE

Celebrate your special day on the East Terrace or in the Main Lobby of one of Wisconsin's finest Neo-Classical Revival style designs. Nestled on the UW-Madison Library Mall and surrounded by iconic UW-Madison landmarks such as the UW Memorial Union, the Red Gym, and Lake Mendota. The Society's HQ Building offers an unparalleled European aesthetic for your early evening cocktail hour or a late night reception with dancing.

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All Packages Include

- White chairs (up to 200)
- 2 (or more) event staff
- 10 High Top tables
- Tables (6' & 8' rectangular & 60" rounds)
- PA system
- Onsite Wedding rehearsal (dependent on date)
- Bride's changing room
- Groom's changing room
- Onsite parking for 2 vehicles
- ADA Accessible
- Catering and/or bar set up, trash removal, load in/ load out, reception and ceremony setup & take down services

Occupancy

Begin: 10:00 am

Last call: 11 :00pm

Bar Closes: 11:15 pm

Music ends: 11:15 pm

Guests Off Property: 11:30 pm

Vendors Off Property: 12:30 am



Cocktail Hour

Add a cocktail hour service to any package. Choose between the Lobby or the East Terrace.

East Terrace Available Seasonally

Price: \$150



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Ceremony & Reception Packages*



THE MADISON

Host your ceremony in the elegant HQ Reading Room Library, your reception in the Lobby and end the evening dancing out on the East Terrace over looking the UW-Madison Library Mall.

Capacity: 200

May-October: \$8,500

THE STOCKHOLM

Host your ceremony in the elegant HQ Reading Room Library, followed by your reception and dancing in the marble-lined Lobby.

Capacity: 200

May – October: \$7,000

November – April: \$5,600

THE MILWAUKEE

Start your wedding with a ceremony on the East Terrace, followed by a reception in the marble-lined Lobby and wrap your evening up dancing out on the East Terrace over looking the iconic UW-Madison Library Mall.

Capacity: 225

May – October: \$5,500

THE LA CROSSE

Give your ceremony a theatrical twist in the Auditorium and move directly into the marble-lined Lobby for your reception, dinner, and an evening of dancing.

Capacity: 225

May – October: \$4,500

November – April: \$3,600



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Ceremony Only Packages*

THE OVERTURE

HQ Reading Room Library

Capacity: 200

May – October: \$4,000

November – April: \$3,500

THE BIRKIE

HQ Lobby

Capacity: 225

May – October: \$2,000

November – April: \$1,600

THE MENDOTA

HQ East Terrace

Capacity: 225

May – October: \$2,500

THE LIBERACE

HQ Auditorium

Capacity: 300

May – October: \$1,500

November – April: \$1,000



Reception Only Packages*

THE BADGER

HQ Lobby & East Terrace

Capacity: 225

May – October: \$5,000

THE FORWARD

HQ Lobby

Capacity: 225

May – October: \$3,500

November – April: \$3,000

THE POINT

HQ East Terrace

Capacity: 225

May – October: \$3,500



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When you host an event with us receive a complimentary one-year WHS Family membership!

Free admission to our 12 historic sites and museums

Digital membership cards

Early access to special event tickets

Access to virtual events & talks

Subscription to Wisconsin Magazine of History

Subscription to Columns newsletter

10% discount on merchandise and ticketed events

Invitations to member events



100% of proceeds from event rentals go to help fund the mission of the Wisconsin Historical Society