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.
Our Reception Venues

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: 11:00 pm
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 overlooking 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 overlooking 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

*All Sunday events are subject to an additional $200 surcharge
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

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**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