Guided Exhibition Tours at the Newberry Library

The Newberry 125 and Realizing the Newberry Idea, 1887 - 2012

Bring your class or organization to the Newberry Library for a guided group tour of our fall exhibitions; all tours are led by Newberry staff.

GROUP SIZE

Tours are available for groups of 12 or more and last approximately one hour. Groups exceeding 25 people will be asked to break into two or more groups that will be booked for back-to-back tours.

EXHIBITION DATES & HOURS

The exhibitions are open September 6 through December 31, 2012 during the following hours:
- Monday, Friday, and Saturday: 8:15 am – 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 8:15 am – 7:30 pm

The Newberry and its galleries will be closed Wednesday, November 21 after 5 pm, Thursday, November 22, and Tuesday, December 25.

TOUR DATES & TIMES

Group tours are offered September 10 through December 21 (except for November 21-24) during the following hours:
- Mondays, Fridays, and some Saturdays: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

FEE

There is no fee to organizations serving students and seniors, but donations are appreciated. All contributions support the exhibitions program. The suggested donation for other organizations is $5 per person.

HOW TO BOOK A TOUR

To book a tour, contact Rachel Bohlmann at (312) 255-3665 or bohlmannr@newberry.org. Group tours require advance booking. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Please allow a minimum of one week to book your tour.

PARKING

The Newberry Library does not have a visitor parking lot. Limited metered parking is available on area streets. Daytime and evening parking restrictions do apply, so be sure to read the posted signs carefully. Discounted garage parking is available at two locations: 100 East Walton Street (valet service), $7 (0-6 hours) and $10 (6-8 hours); 100 West Chestnut Street (enter on Clark Street) $8 (0-6 hours) and $9 (6-8 hours). Remember to bring your parking ticket with you so it can be validated by the Newberry security guard.
The Newberry 125

The Newberry celebrates its 125th anniversary with an exhibition of 125 of the millions of books, maps, manuscript pages, drawings, and photographs in our collection—these featured items embody the Newberry’s mission to provide relevant research and learning opportunities for the public of Chicago and beyond. In short, the items making up The Newberry 125 are some of the Newberry’s most immediately awe-inspiring and most utilized, consulted, pored over. Included are the original printed (and never-bound) instantiation of Voltaire’s Candide; an elliptical postcard from Jack Kerouac to his editor; rare correspondence from a slave husband to his free wife; Joseph Whitehouse’s journal from the Lewis and Clark Expedition; and much more.

The Newberry 125 is sponsored by the Jacob & Rosaline Cohn Foundation.

Realizing the Newberry Idea, 1887 - 2012

Explore the 125-year evolution of the Newberry from its 1887 opening as a "Library of Reference" to its 2012 presence as a renowned research institution and center for the humanities that remains free and open to the public. This exhibition draws upon unique letters, photographs, and other materials from the library's own archives to reveal new perspectives on the Newberry's past and the development of its current programs and collections.

Realizing the Newberry Idea is sponsored by the Elizabeth F. Cheney Foundation.

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ABOUT THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY

The Newberry Library is an independent research library and educational institution dedicated to the expansion and dissemination of knowledge in the humanities. As a library, the Newberry is dedicated to the highest standards of collection preservation and bibliographic access; as a research and educational institution, it is committed to facilitating research, teaching, and publication in an atmosphere of full and free intellectual inquiry. The library's holdings span the history and culture of western Europe from the Middle Ages to the late-twentieth century and the Americas from the time of first contact between Europeans and Native Americans. The collections number 1,500,000 printed titles, five million manuscript pages, and 500,000 historic maps. A reader’s card is required to use the reading rooms. Anyone age 16 or older (or a high school junior) can obtain a reader’s card by visiting the library during reading room hours to complete a registration form. A photo I.D. is required to obtain a reader’s card. There is no fee for a reader’s card or to use the reading rooms.

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