

MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

1. **Free Library** – Tour for Rare Book Department 11AM

The Rare Book department is a worthwhile adventure. It has samplings of 100,000 books and manuscripts. Poe was recently featured, but you might see illuminated manuscripts, incunabula, early American children's books, Pennsylvania German Fraktur or works by Charles Dickens, and much more.

Location

Central Library
1901 Vine Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 9AM – 9PM

Free admission

Reservation at 215. 686.5416

2. **Philadelphia Museum of Art Library – Rare Book Collection**

The Museum Library houses approximately 200,000 books, auction catalogues, and periodicals dating from the sixteenth century to the present. Reflecting the museum's rich and distinctive collections, the library's holdings focuses on European, American, and Asian painting and sculpture; furniture and decorative arts, drawings and photographs, costume and textiles, arms and armor, and much more.

Location

Perelman Building of Museum of Art

Hours of operation

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Free admission

3. **Masonic Temple** On- Site Tours <http://www.pagrandlodge.org/tour/onsite.html>

The Temple is one of the more magnificent buildings in the city from the outside, its Norman cathedral-like exterior rising wondrously across the street from City Hall. But its interior architecture is amazing and varied. Oriental Hall, for instance, replicates part of the Alhambra, with its Moorish grille-like features. Gothic Hall has royal high-backed 19th Century hand-carved oak chairs and is a grand homage to the European Knights Templar. The grand staircases are lined with stately paintings of former Masonic Grand Masters and the hallways are lined with many painted wood sculptures by William Rush.

Location

One North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Hours of Operation

Tuesday through Friday 10 AM, 11AM, 1PM, 2PM & 3PM
Saturday 10AM, 11AM & 12Noon

Admission fees

Adults \$8

Groups (Advanced Reservations 15 or more) \$4.50

Reservations at 215 988-1917

4. **Kimmel Center** – Building and Theater Tour

<http://www.kimmelcenter.org/planning/tours.php>

During this tour you will find out the history of the Kimmel Center, learn architectural and construction highlights, as well as visit the Commonwealth Plaza, Perelman Theater, Verizon Hall, Merck Arts Education Center and the Dorrance H. Hamilton Garden. This tour is approximately one hour in duration.

Location

260 South Broad Street on the Avenue of the Arts | Suite 901
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Hours of Operation

Tuesday – Sunday, 1PM (not offered Mondays)

Free Admission

Reservations at 215.790.5800

5. **University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology**

Painted Metaphors Exhibit <http://paintedmetaphors.museum.upenn.edu/>

Penn Museum's unique collection of brilliantly painted Chama polychromes opens a window into the lives of the ordinary Maya of 1,300 years ago, and the way they dealt with the challenge of forced change. More than 150 objects convey vibrant evidence of ancient Maya life, as revealed by amazing archaeological discovery and scientific analysis.

Location

3260 South Street

Philadelphia, PA 19104

(215) 898- 4000

Hours of Operation

Tuesday through Saturday

10 AM – 430PM

Sunday 1PM- 5PM

CLOSED Mondays

Admission fees General \$10

6. The Franklin Institute – Body Worlds II Exhibition

The exhibition features more than 200 authentic human specimens, including entire bodies as well as individual organs and transparent body slices. Using the revolutionary process of Plastination, the body specimens are preserved with special plastics that enable us to view the many organs and systems under our skin. The exhibit also allows for guests to understand diseases, the effects of tobacco consumption and use of artificial supports such as knees and hips. More information to be followed.

Location

222 North 20th Street
Philadelphia PA 19103

For more information contact 215.448.1200 or visit the website <http://www2.fi.edu/>

7. Mutter Museum -Permanent Collection

The collection consists of over 20,000 unforgettable objects. These include fluid preserved anatomical and pathological specimens, skeletal and dried specimen, medical instruments, anatomical and pathological models in plaster and many more.

Location

The College of Physicians of Philadelphia
19 South 22nd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-3097

Admission fee

\$14

Hours of operation

10 AM – 5PM

8. National Constitution Center – Diana Exhibit

A collection of artifacts which includes dresses and suits, jewelry, and tiaras. The exhibit is a narration of her life from the wedding into the royal family, the charity work, and all the other activities she was involved during her life.

Location

National Constitution Center

525 Arch Street

Independence Mall

Philadelphia, PA 19106

Admission fee

\$18 for groups of 20+

\$23 Individual on week days

\$25 Weekends

\$21 seniors

Hours of operation

Mon – Fri 9: 30 – 4PM

Sat- 9:30 – 6PM

Sun 12AM- 5PM

9. Reading Terminal Market – Market Tour, December 30th

<http://www.readingterminalmarket.org/events/2009/12/30/>

Learn the story behind cheese steaks, hoagies, pretzels and other Philly food favorites, and the 114-year history of the vibrant Reading Terminal Market where they're sold during this 75-minute, food-writer-led walking tour. The tour leaves from the Market information desk at 12th and Filbert streets at 10 AM.

Location

12th & Arch Streets

Hours of Operation

Mon- Sat 8 AM – 6PM

Sun 9AM – 5PM

Admission

\$ 14.95

Reservations at 215-922-2317

10. City Food Tours

<http://www.cityfoodtours.com/philadelphia-food-tours.cfm>

A city food tour takes you beyond the Liberty Bell with a fun and unique way to experience the city. Go behind the scenes and enjoy your favorite foods. Featuring the best, handmade and imported delicacies; the tour will provide an exclusive, unforgettable experience with food experts.

Flavor of Philly

One of a kind tasting experience will take you to an authentic, mom and pop pizzeria, soft pretzel bakery, and much more. The tour takes place in the heart of Philadelphia and includes 6 stops, more than 2 hours of indulging and less than 30 minutes of walking.

Hours of operation

Wed- Sat 1:30 pm

Closed Monday/ Tuesday

Admission fee:

\$ 39

Center City Food Lovers Adventure in Philly

2.5 hours of Gourmet Tasting Experience in the heart of Philadelphia. You will sample 3 of the city's best artisanal and hand crafted foods that include; farmstead cheeses, decadent handmade chocolates, and exotic loose leaf teas. In addition, you will discover hidden gems in the city have exclusive access to owners and chefs, and walk away with some valuable tips about what to look for in truly great food.

Hours of operation

Wed – Sat 10 AM

Admission fee

\$ 29

Philly Evening Wine, Chocolate, Tea Experience

Fun filled tasting adventure in Center City, with more than 2.5 hours indoors enjoying some tasty treats and less than 20 minutes of total walking. Tasting includes decadent chocolates at a European inspired chocolate café, variety of exotic loose leaf teas at the city's hottest tea salon, and a tasting of 3 fine wines in one of the city's best restaurant.

Hours of operation

Wed – Fri 6 PM – 9 PM

Admission fee

\$ 55

11. Phillyfunguide.com

This website provides information on what is happening in Philadelphia including the free exhibits and concerts. Information is posted closer to the meeting date.