

Visitor's Guide: Library of Congress



The Library of Congress (LOC) tour takes visitors through the historic Jefferson Building and examines the trademark art and architecture. Volunteer docents tell the story of America's oldest cultural institution, highlighting information about its history, collections, and services to the nation.



What to Bring: Printed copies of any confirmation pages emailed to you by our office.



Location: 10 1st Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Arrival: Enter through the driveway entrance of the Jefferson Building, which faces 1st Street SE. You should arrive 15 minutes prior to your assigned tour time. When you arrive, an LOC employee outside will check you in. Proceed through the metal detectors to the tour waiting room. A tour guide will meet you there.



Nearest Metro

Capitol South—Orange/Blue Line, located at 1st Street SE between C and D Streets SE. This stop is closest to the Library.

Union Station—Red Line, located at First Street NE and Massachusetts Avenue NE.



Duration: Forty-five minutes to one hour



Be prepared to enter through airport-like security and to present all packages, purses, backpacks for inspection as you exit. Prohibited items will be confiscated.

Prohibited Items:

- Weapons of any sort including knives, guns, explosives, etc.

Accepted Items:

- Cameras (with exception to the Bibles Corridor, exhibition rooms displaying original collections, and the main reading room overlook)
- Cell Phones
- Water

- Backpacks
- Strollers
- Purses
- Wallets
- Jackets
- Keys
- Umbrellas



Dining Options:

- **Madison Café (LM 625)**
Monday through Friday
Breakfast, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Lunch, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Limited Service, 10:30-11 a.m. and 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- **Madison Snack Bar (LM G47)**
Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- **Adams Snack Bar (LA 110)**
Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Gift Shop: The Library Shop is open from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday and is closed on Sundays and federal holidays. It is located on the basement level floor.



Accessibility: This tour is accessible to individuals with mobility impairments. Wheelchairs are available for rent at the Ground Floor Front Desk.

If you have any questions, please visit <http://www.loc.gov/visit/tours/guided/jeffersonbuilding.html>, or call our office at (202) 224-2651 and ask for our Tour Coordinator.

If while in DC you need immediate help with your Library of Congress tour, you can contact the Library directly at (202) 707-8000.