



BROOKLYN
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

Make Your Event a Part of History

Founded in 1863, Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) is dedicated to celebrating and preserving the borough's past, present and future. Located in the heart of Brooklyn Heights, this landmark building features stained glass windows, soaring ceilings and carved mahogany book shelves. Plan your wedding, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, cocktail party, corporate holiday party, meeting, retreat or photo shoot and make it an event to remember!

The Main Floor & Lobby

Soaring ceilings and ornately carved columns set the scene for cocktail parties up to 300 guests or seated dinners up to 150 guests.

The Othmer Library

This stunning library can seat up to 100 for dinner and host up to 175 for a stand up cocktail party. The enchantment begins as guests enter the lobby and climb the grand staircase. You and your guests will be surrounded by history. Rare books and manuscripts include Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass and a copy of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by Abraham Lincoln. Due to the rare and delicate nature of the collection, red wine is not permitted in the library and guests are not allowed in the Library's stacks or balcony. Elevator access is available to the Library.

History Discovery Center

Located on the basement level of the building and adjacent to the Independence Community Gallery, this room is an ideal space for lectures and meetings and can accommodate up to 60 people.

RENTAL FEES

Food, floral, rentals, photography & entertainment not included
Naturally Delicious: Exclusive BHS Caterer
*\$500 non-profit discount

RATES

Main Floor & Lobby

Day of the Week	Rate
Tuesday – Thursday	\$1,500
Friday	\$2,000
Saturday	\$2,500
Sunday	\$2,000

Library

Day of the Week	Rate
Tuesday – Thursday	\$2,500
Friday	\$3,000
Saturday	\$3,500
Sunday	\$3,000

The Entire Building

Day of the Week	Rate
Tuesday – Thursday	\$4,500
Friday	\$5,000
Saturday	\$5,500
Sunday	\$5,000

Event Hours: 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm
\$500 extra for each additional ½ hour

BOOKING DETAILS

Thank you for choosing the Brooklyn Historical Society to host your event. If the date you have selected is available, you may place it on hold for 3 days. After that period, we ask that you request a contract to confirm your event or the space will be released to make it available for other interested guests. Once a contract has been drafted you will need to sign the document and pay 50% of your rental fee in order to secure your rental date and space.

Contact the Naturally Delicious Event Planning Staff at 718.237.3727 for tours, inquiries, reservations or to see BHS' complete rental guidelines for catered events.

Non-Catered Events, Meetings & Location Shoots

Please contact the BHS Site Coordinator Chelcey Berryhill at 718.222.4111 x236 or cberryhill@brooklynhistory.org

Meetings

Meetings are booked for the following blocks of time: **9am–12pm; 1–4 pm; 5–9 pm**

Location	Rate (per time block)
The Reading Room (capacity 20 people)	\$150
The HDC Room (capacity 60 people)	\$300
The 1 st Floor Space (capacity 100 people)	\$1,000

Location Shoots

Commercial Film Shoots - **\$800/hr**

Commercial Photo Shoots - **\$500/hr**

* Rates are subject to fees for shoots held during the museum's open hours.

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