

APLIC-I 38th Annual Meeting
"Ringling In A New Era: Changes in Population Librarianship"

PLACES TO VISIT IN PHILADELPHIA

Libraries, Museums, and Historical Venues

Independence National Historical Park located in Center City “downtown” Philadelphia is often referred to as the “birthplace of our nation Liberty Bell Center” and as “America’s Most Historic Square Mile.” Independence Mall is home to a number of historic sites including: Independence Hall, Congress Hall, Old City Hall, Second Bank of the United States, New Hall Military Museum, Carpenters' Hall, Franklin Court, Christ Church, Bishop White House, Todd House, Declaration House, City Tavern, Deshler Morris House, Mikveh Israel Cemetery, Philosophical Hall, National Constitution Center, Independence Visitor Center, and the Free Quaker Meeting House. *The Liberty Bell Center, Independence Hall, Old City Hall, Congress Hall and the Great Essentials exhibit are all within secured areas of the park. Visitors must process through a security screening facility located along Market Street, between Fifth and Sixth Streets to see these sites. The security entrance opens at 8:30 am and close at 4:45 pm.*

Liberty Bell Center – the Liberty Bell is housed in the new center which also offers a video presentation and exhibits about the Liberty Bell, focusing on its origins and its modern day role as an international icon of freedom – *Hours: 9 am - 5 pm; Location: Market Street between 5th and 6th Streets;*
<http://www.nps.gov/inde/lbc.html>

National Constitution Center – the world’s first museum dedicated to honoring and explaining the U.S. Constitution through over 100 interactive and multi-media exhibits, artifacts and film ; *Hours: 9:30 am - 5 pm Sunday - Friday. 9:30 am - 6 pm Saturdays ; Location: 525 Arch Street, Independence Mall ; Information: 215.409.6600 ;* <http://www.constitutioncenter.org/>

Independence Visitor Center – free orientation to the culture, history, shopping and dining options presented throughout the Greater Philadelphia region located ; *Hours: 8:30 am - 5 pm ; Location: Corner of 6th and Market Streets ; Information: 215.965.7676 or 800.537.7676 ;*
<http://www.independencevisitorcenter.com/>

Independence Hall – the building where the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution were signed ; *Hours: 9 am - 5 pm Security Check and Timed Tickets Required ; Location: Chestnut Street between 5th and 6th Streets ; Information: ; Information and Tickets: 800.967.2283 or go to this website for*

details: (<http://www.nps.gov/inde/tickets.htm>) ; <http://www.nps.gov/inde/indep-hall.html>

The Academy of Natural Sciences – oldest natural history museum in the country ; *Hours: Monday-Friday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm, Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays 10:00 am - 5:00 pm ; Location: 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway ; Information: 215.299.1000 ; <http://www.acnatsci.org/>*

The Franklin Institute Science Center *Hours: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm Sunday through Saturday ; Location: 222 North 20th Street ; Information: 215.448.1200 ; <http://sln.fi.edu/>*

Mutter Museum at The College of Physicians of Philadelphia *Hours: 10 am – 5 pm, Monday through Sunday; Location: 19 South 22nd Street ; Information: 215.563.3737 ext211 ; <http://www.collphyphil.org/muttpg1.shtml>*

The Rosenbach Museum & Library *Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 10 am – 5 pm, Wednesdays 10 am - 8 pm, and Saturday & Sunday 10 am – 5 pm ; Location: 2008-2010 Delancy Place ; Information: 215.732.1600 ; <http://www.rosenbach.org/home/home.html>*

Free Library of Philadelphia *Hours: Monday - Wednesday 9 am – 9 pm, Thursday - Saturday 9 am – 5 pm, Sunday 1 – 5 pm ; Location: 1901 Vine Street ; Information: 215.686.5322 ; <http://www.library.phila.gov/>*

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania & Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies *Hours: Closed Mondays, Tuesday 12:30 - 5:30 pm, Wednesday 12:30 - 8:30 pm, Thursday 12:30 - 5:30 pm, Friday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm ; Location: 1300 Locust Street ; Information: 215.732.6200 ; <http://www.hsp.org/>*

American Philosophical Society *Hours: 10 am - 4 pm Thursday - Sunday ; Location: 104 South Fifth Street ; Information: 215.440.3400 ; <http://www.amphilsoc.org/>*

The Donald F. and Mildred Topp Othmer Library of Chemical History *Hours: Monday–Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm ; Location: 315 Chestnut Street ; Information: 215.873.8271 ; <http://www.chemheritage.org/library/library.html>*

AIDS Library of Philadelphia *Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 10 am – 3 pm; Thursday 12 – 8 pm; Friday 10 am – 5 pm (Closed Saturday & Sunday) ; Location: 1233 Locust Street, 2nd Floor ; Information: 215.985.4851 ; <http://www.aidslibrary.org/>*

Art Museums and Fine Arts Exhibits

Philadelphia Museum of Art: "Florence Knoll Bassett: Defining Modern." Thru March. Stuart Davis and American Abstraction: A Masterpiece in Focus. Thru April 17. "Salvador Dalí." Thru May 15. "The Silver Garden." More than 50 photos illustrate the enduring fascination with flowers and plants. Thru July 17. *26th St. and the Pkwy.* 215.684.7860 <http://www.philamuseum.org/>

Rodin Museum: "Echoes: Sculpture of Auguste Rodin": a new installation featuring provocative pairings of sculptures. Thru May. *22nd St. and the Pkwy.* 215.763.8100 <http://www.rodinmuseum.org/>

National Liberty Museum: A permanent collection featuring more than 100 contemporary works of art by world-renowned artists. Includes glass and bronze sculptures, along with original oil paintings. *321 Chestnut St.* 215.925.2800 <http://www.nationallibertymuseum.org/>

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts: Eamon Ore-Giron. Thru May 15. "In Full View: American Painting and Sculpture." 200th Anniversary Gala. "The Chemistry of Color: The Harold A. and Ann R. Sorgenti Collection of Contemporary African-American Art." Thru April 10. "Point of Sight: Thomas Eakins' Drawing Manual Reconstructed." Thru April 3. *1301 Cherry St.* 215.972.2031 <http://www.pafa.org/exhibit.jsp>

Institute of Contemporary Art (University of Pennsylvania): "Accumulated Vision:" Barry Le Va. Thru April 3. *118 S. 36th St.* 215.573.9975 <http://www.icaphila.org/>

Theater Events

Elegies: A Song Cycle: Witty and moving songs that serve as musical love letters. Fri/18. \$30-\$45. Thru April 17. Plays & Players Theater, *1714 Delancy St.* 215.985.0420 <http://www.phillytheaterco.com/>

After Play: Two couples visit a "heavenly" Manhattan restaurant after a harrowing cab ride through the crowded New York streets. \$24. Thru April 3. Walnut Street Independence Studio on 3, *825 Walnut St.* 215.574.3550 <http://www.wstonline.org/index.shtml>

The Big Bang: Two creators try to find producers for the most expensive Broadway musical ever written. \$39. Thru April 10. Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, *260 S. Broad St.* 215.297.8540 <http://www.bigbangthemusical.com/>

Blue/Orange: A battle of minds in a struggle between protecting society and the rights of an individual. \$21-\$25. Thru April 10. Act II Playhouse, *56 E. Butler Ave., Ambler.* 215.654.0200 <http://www.act2.org/blue.html>

The Constant Wife: With Wilde-like wit, the play throws a surprising twist into the proper notions of marriage, love and fidelity. \$10-\$55. Thru May 1. Walnut Street Theatre, 825 Walnut St. 215.574.3500. <http://www.wstonline.org/index.shtml>

Dinner Theater: Showtime dinner and mystery theater. Every Fri., 7pm. \$24.95. Spaghetti Warehouse, 1020 Spring Garden St. 215.787.0784
<http://www.meatballs.com/>

Fences: In August Wilson's Pulitzer-winning play, a black family tries to put down roots in an urban industrial city. \$24-\$40. Thru April 3. Arden Theatre, 40 N. Second St. 215.922.1122 <http://www.ardentheatre.org/>

Le Cabaret Mélange: A diverse music, dance and performance art show. Every Thurs., 7:30pm. \$5. L'Etage, 624 S. Sixth St. 215.592.0656 <http://www.creperie-beaumonde.com/>

Raw Boys: Two Irish brothers search for themselves and each other in London and New York, defining themselves through love and art and trying to shake the weight of history and family. \$9-\$50. Thru April 10. Wilma Theater, 265 S. Broad St. 215.546.7824 <http://www.wilmatheater.org/>

Tony and Tina's Wedding: You're invited to experience the holy matrimony of dinner and theater at Tony and Tina's wedding reception, where everything that could go wrong, does. Every Fri.-Sun. \$65-\$75. Venice Plaza, 18th St. and Snyder Ave. 215.297.8540 http://www.tonylovestina.com/city_philadelphia.cfm

Web Sites to Visit for More Information

PAA's Things to do in Philadelphia, January 2005
(<http://www.popassoc.org/ThingsToDoPhilaForWeb.pdf>)

Philadelphia Vacation and Travel Planning Guide
(<http://www.gophila.com/index.htm>)

Philadelphia Visitor's Guide (<http://www.phillyvisitor.com/>)

Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau (<http://www.pcvb.org/index.html>)

Philadelphia Weekly (<http://www.philadelphiaweekly.com/>)

Philadelphia CityPaper (<http://citypaper.net/articles/current/index.shtml>)

PhiladelphiaLiving.com (<http://www.philadelphialiving.com/>)