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# RENT OUR SPACE

A beautiful and unique venue for your event :  
**The French Library in Boston**





## Host your event *chez nous* !

Our beautiful, renovated Victorian mansion is located at 53 Marlborough Street in Boston's Back Bay. It is an ideal setting for weddings and other joyous occasions, for business meetings, seminars and presentations, clubs and association meetings, private dinner parties, wine tastings and more.

- Welcome up to 125 guests
- Multiple rooms and configurations available
- Commercial-grade kitchen
- Accessible building
- Historic architecture, modern amenities

The French Library is available for rental Monday through Sunday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Availability is subject to the business needs of the French Library, and the availability of a staff attendant. We have a maximum standing capacity of 125 people. We can accommodate up to 80 for a seated dinner, and 60 people seated for a presentation or concert.



### About the building:

Constructed in 1867 by a Boston wine merchant, the mansion later was the home of artist Katharine Lane Weems, sculptor of the graceful dolphin statue at the New England Aquarium. Ms. Weems gifted the building to The French Library in 1961.

A major renovation spanning from 2020 to 2022 preserved the building's architectural charm while modernizing the electrical, heating, cooling, plumbing and IT systems. The kitchen was upgraded to commercial standard, and the building was made fully accessible. We have twelve separate spaces within the building available for rent, and we have had events such as business meetings/presentations, bar and bat mitzvahs, wedding showers, private dinner parties, wine tastings, and more! Continue below to see the wide variety of spaces we offer for rent.

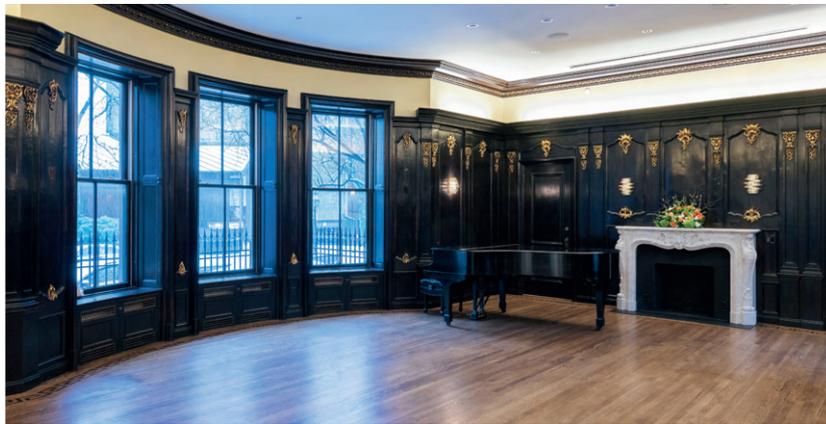
# OUR SPACES

Our beautiful, renovated Victorian mansion is located at 53 Marlborough Street in Boston's Back Bay. It is an ideal setting for weddings and other joyous occasions, for business and association meetings, and for other special events.



# 1. The Founders' Room

The Founders' Room is one of three main rooms on the entrance floor of the French Library. It is the main event space where we often hold lectures, performances, dinners, and many other soirees. It is perfect for a wide array of upscale gatherings and can be rented at the same time as the other two rooms on the first floor. The Founders' Room has a Steinway grand piano and is fully equipped with speakers and an A/V system. This room has a unique, historic feel from the antique Belgian boiserie walls and traditional gold detailing.



## CAPACITY

Auditorium – 60

Boardroom – 20

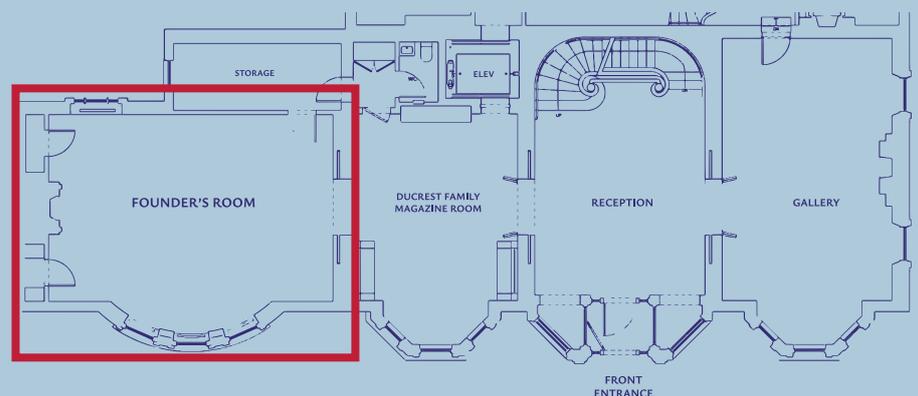
Banquet – 50

Cabaret – 40

Classroom – 40

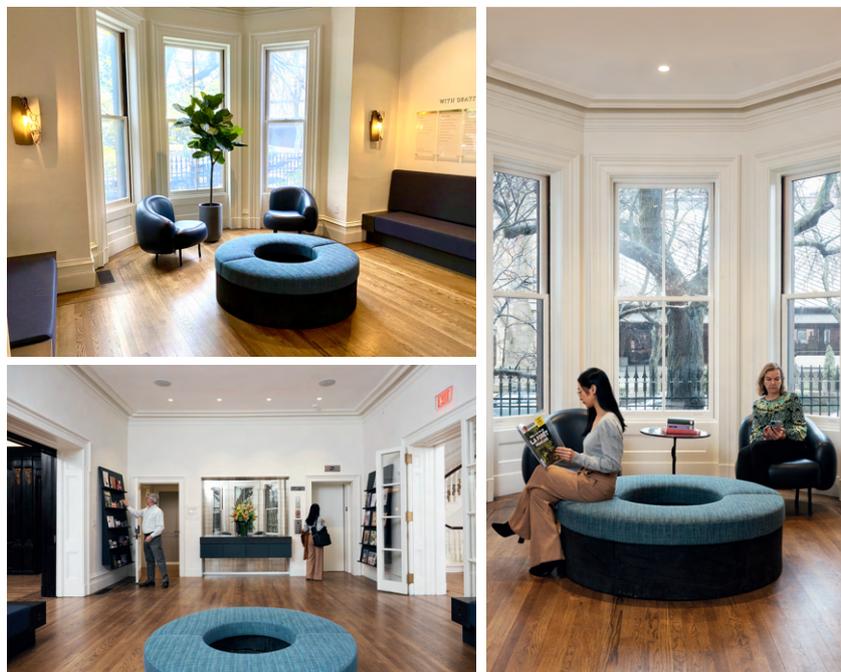
Reception – 60

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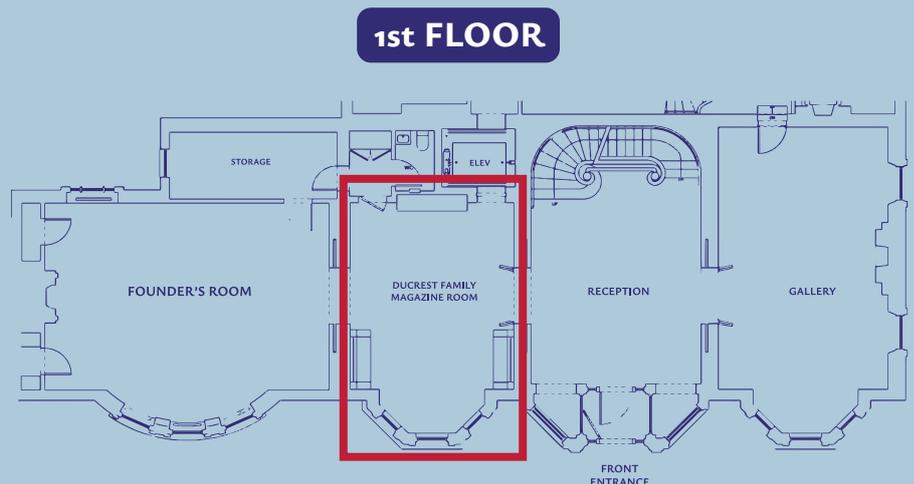
# 2. The Ducrest Room

The Ducrest Family Magazine Room is attached to the Founders' Room on the first floor and is a great complement to a rental event in the Founders' Room. The Ducrest Room has direct elevator access to the industrial kitchen on the ground floor so that caterers can transport food and wine. Windows face out onto Marlborough Street, lending a light and open feel to the space.



## CAPACITY

Reception – 15



# 3. The Gallery

The Gallery is a unique space on the entry floor of the French Library, named for the art exhibitions that often take place in the room. This space has the perfect lighting and set up capabilities for festive gatherings, complete with a crystal chandelier and front-facing windows that look out onto beautiful Marlborough Street. The French doors to the gallery can be closed, making it ideal for private events and parties. It is possible to rent out the gallery for your own art events and small exhibitions, or for any other event needs you may have.



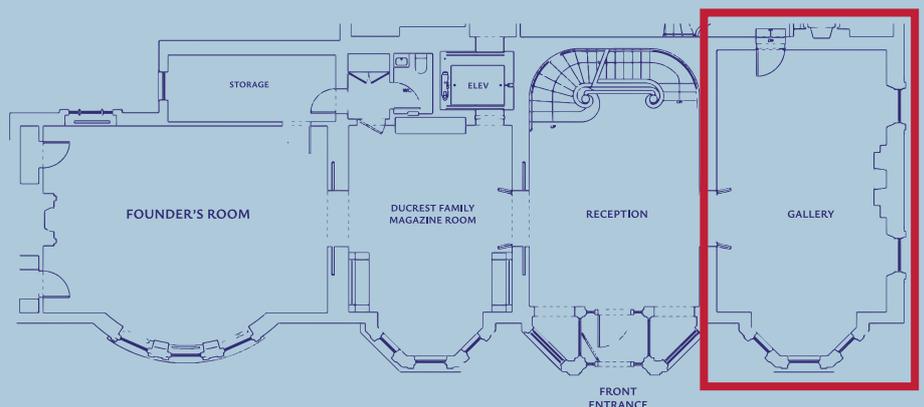
## 1st FLOOR

### CAPACITY

Banquet – 30

Cabaret – 25

Reception – 40



# 4. The Reading Room

The Reading Room is the main room of the library on the second floor, equipped with a long table for studying and working plus comfortable chairs and sofas for reading. This room can be used for social events and festive parties, ceremonies, or showers. It is also suitable for corporate meetings and presentations. The Reading Room is a unique space that lends an academic feel to your events with books lining the walls and has large windows facing out onto Marlborough and Berkeley Street that contribute to a light, airy atmosphere. With elevator access to the kitchen, it is possible to easily transport any catering and drinks to the reading room for your special events.



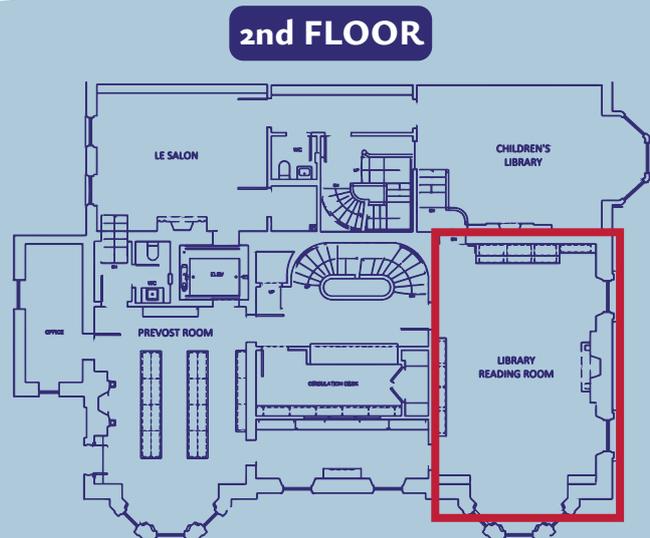
## CAPACITY

Boardroom – 16

Banquet – 16

Cabaret – 20

Reception – 40



# 5. The Kitchen

The recently updated kitchen boasts state-of-the-art, industrial equipment such as the industrial fridge, stainless steel countertops and commercial-grade stove. Our kitchen is the perfect place to hold cooking workshops and team-buildings, and it also can be rented out for the use of chefs during private events in our other rooms.

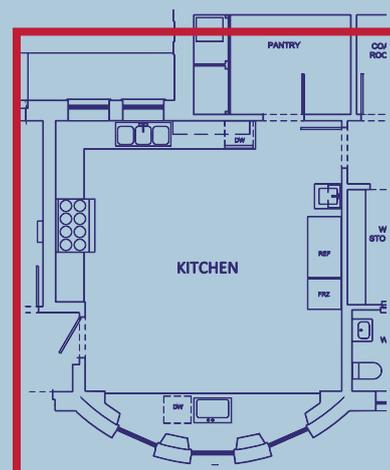


## GARDEN FLOOR

### CAPACITY

Cooking class – 16

Demonstration – 25



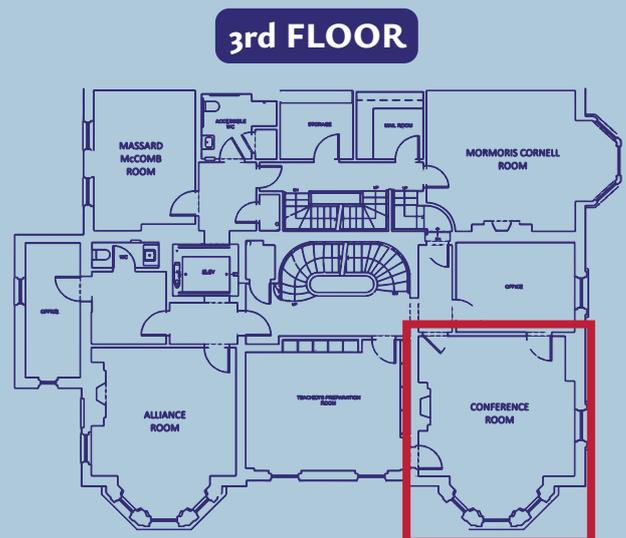


# 7. The Conference Room

The Conference Room is one of two conference style rooms that we offer for rentals here at the French Library. This room is ideal for any and all business meetings or important presentations/seminars. Not only is the space functional, equipped with a smart board, oval table with outlet access, and comfortable chairs, but it is also stylish and elegant. Large bay windows offer natural light.



**CAPACITY**  
Boardroom – 12



# 8. The Mormoris Cornell Room

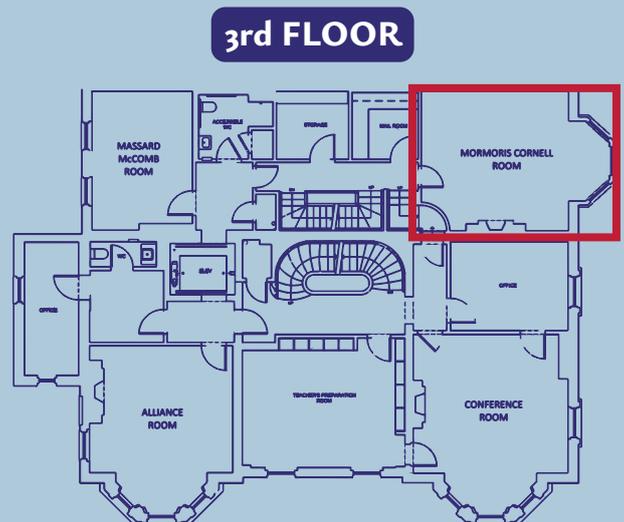
The Mormoris Cornell Room is one of the larger classrooms we offer for rent, located on the third floor of the building. This room is ideal for corporate gatherings, presentations, ceremonies, and luncheons. With a long table and chairs to fit up to 20 people, this classroom offers ample space for board meetings and presentations alike. The room is equipped with a smart board that can connect to a personal computer. Large bay windows looking out onto Berkeley Street offer natural light.



## CAPACITY

Boardroom – 14

Classroom – 14



# 9. The Massard McComb Room

The Massard-McComb room is one of our classrooms available for rent, located on the third floor of the building. This room is ideal for presentations and corporate meetings, as well as study and co-working sessions. The room is equipped with a smart board which can be connected to a personal computer, and a table and chairs for conferences, meetings, and presentations. Large windows offer natural light.



## CAPACITY

Boardroom – 10

Classroom – 12



# 10. The St. Exupéry Room

The St. Exupéry Room is one of our smaller classrooms available for rent, located on the fourth floor of the building. This room is ideal for presentations and corporate meetings, as well as study and co-working sessions. The room is equipped with a smart board which can be connected to a personal computer, and a table and chairs for conferences, meetings, and presentations. Large windows offer natural light.

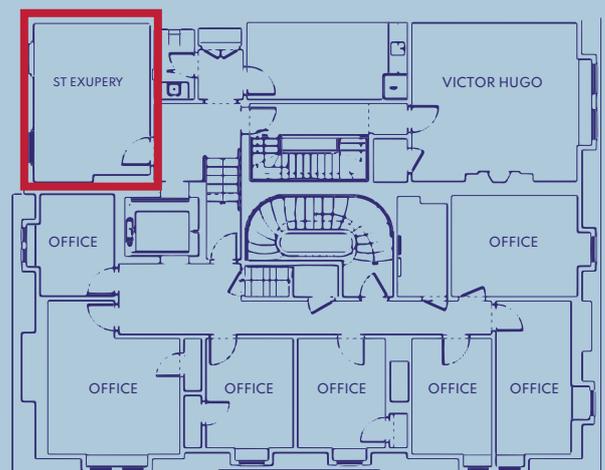


## 4th FLOOR

### CAPACITY

Boardroom – 10

Classroom – 12



# 11. The Victor Hugo Room

The Victor Hugo Room is one of the larger classrooms we offer for rent, located on the fourth floor of the building. This room is ideal for corporate gatherings, presentations, ceremonies, and luncheons. With two square tables, this classroom offers ample space for board meetings and presentations alike. The room is equipped with a smart board that can connect to a personal computer. Large bay windows looking out onto Berkeley Street offer natural light.

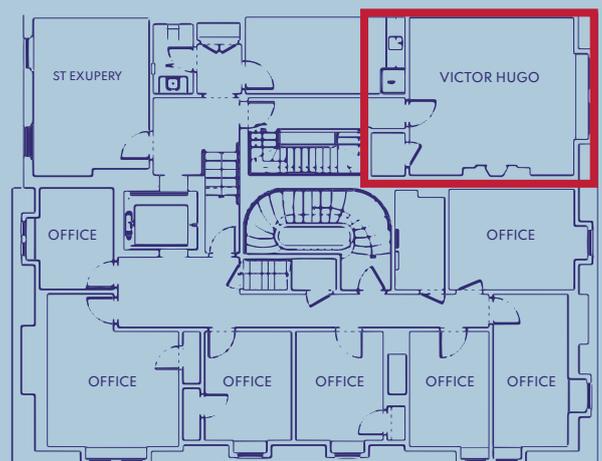


## CAPACITY

Boardroom – 14

Classroom – 14

### 1st FLOOR



# 12. The Berkeley Room

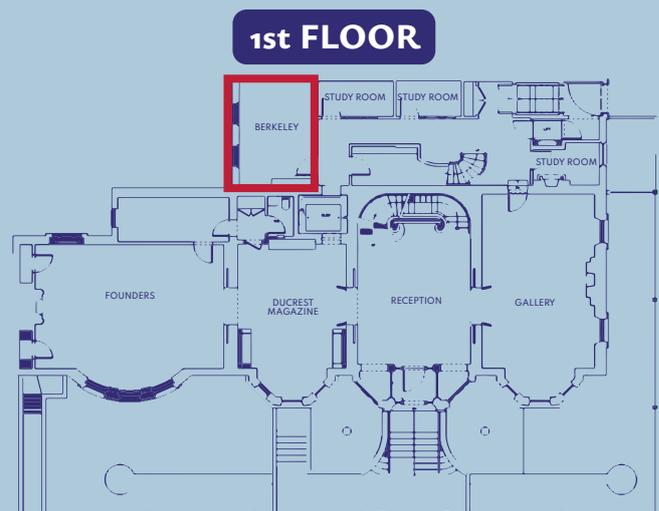
Our Berkeley Room is one of a few classrooms available for rent. This room is located on the first floor behind the reception, on the Berkeley Street side of the building. It is one of our more secluded rooms and is ideal for presentations and corporate meetings. The Berkeley Room is equipped with a smart board which can be connected to a personal computer, and a table and chairs for conferences, meetings, and presentations. Large windows offer natural light.



## CAPACITY

Boardroom – 10

Classroom – 12



# 13. The Obélix Room

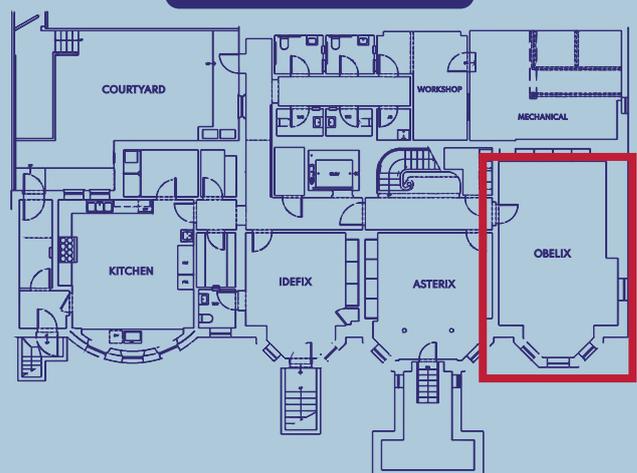
The Obélix Room is one of our special classrooms for children. This room is ideal for kids' parties, birthday parties, and education workshops for kids. The room is large and can fit groups of kids up to 20. There is a smart board that can connect to a personal computer, and tables, chairs, and beanbags.



## CAPACITY

Maximum capacity: 20

### GARDEN FLOOR



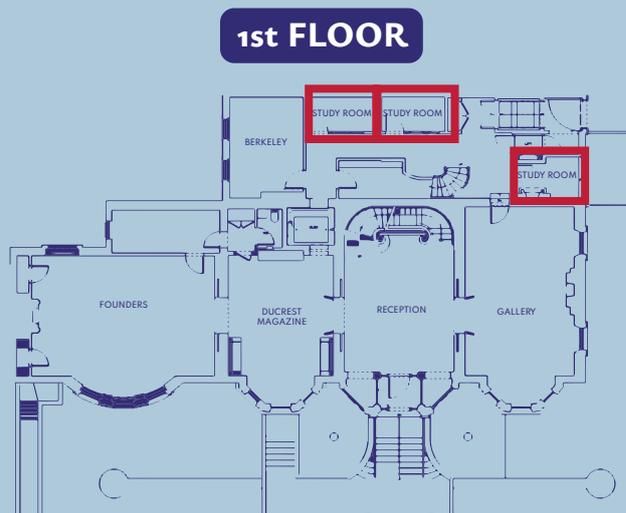
# 14. Office spaces

We have office spaces in our building available to rent upon request. These spaces are private rooms that are ideal for your work-related needs. Where better to rent office space than in beautiful Back Bay?



## CAPACITY

Contact us for more information regarding capacity, rooms and prices.



# Rental Inquiry

## Three easy ways to learn more about our rentals!

1. Scan the QR code with your smartphone to be taken to the rentals page on our website.



2. Visit [frenchlibrary.org/rentals](https://frenchlibrary.org/rentals)

3. Mail this completed form to our address below or send via email to [info@frenchlibrary.org](mailto:info@frenchlibrary.org)

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First Name\*

Last Name\*

Email\*

Phone number\*

How many people do you expect to attend?

Which space are you interested in?

What kind of event would you like to hold?\*

When would you like to hold your event?

Is there anything else that would be helpful for us to know?



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