



Chicago Libraries

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All entries in this list include not only the address, but the distance from the Hyatt as well as the hours of operation, a descriptions and brief driving directions.

Have a smartphone? Follow the link to the Google Map with directions from the Hyatt to the library or bookstore listed. The Google map allows you to choose directions by car, public transit or by foot. (One tip, if you are using a GPS like software, look at the directions before leaving the hotel as sometimes the buildings and other factors can interfere with the GPS).

Some of the libraries ask that before visiting, reach out the contact listed. For some of these locations the easiest way to visit outside of driving is to take a taxi, Uber or Lyft.

Harold Washington Library Center

Chicago Public Library

400 S State St

Chicago, IL 60605

Distance from the Hyatt: 1.1 miles

<https://www.chipublib.org/locations/34/>

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9-9, Fri & Sat: 9-5, Sun: 1-5

(312) 747-4300

About: The main branch of the Chicago Public Library, this library has many different spaces and resources for patrons including over 1 million volumes, indoor winter garden on the 9th floor, Maker Lab, and free music practice rooms. The library is designed with a red brick postmodern style with a distinctive metal roof adorned with sculptures of owls.

Driving Directions: First head south on N Stetson Ave toward East South Water Street, and then turn right onto E Randolph St. Next use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto N Michigan Ave and then turn right onto E Congress Pkwy/East Ida B. Wells Drive.

Google Map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/QGXWcxbyEtH2>

Poetry Foundation Library

61 W Superior St

Chicago, IL 60654

Distance from the Hyatt 1.3 Miles

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/library>

Hours: Mon- Fri: 11-4 (Closed May 6 & 7)

(312) 787-7070

About: This library is the only library in the Midwest solely dedicated to poetry. The collection includes over 30,000 volumes, audio/visual materials, and exhibits dedicated to poetry. If you are still in Chicago

on Wednesday May 8th, the library is holding an event with Jean Felipe Herrera, the first Latinx US poet laureate at 7:00PM.

Driving Directions: First head north on N Stetson Ave toward E Wacker Dr, next turn left at the 1st cross street onto E Wacker Dr. Then turn right onto N Dearborn St/N Dearborn Pkwy before turning left onto W Chicago Ave. Next turn left onto N Clark St, and then turns left onto W Superior St.

Google Map Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/MH1YcxYrvNH2>

Newberry Library

60 W Walton St

Chicago, IL 60610

Distance from Hyatt: 1.4 miles

<https://www.newberry.org/>

Hours: Tues-Thurs 8:15-7:30, Fri & Sat: 8:15 – 5, Sun: Closed, Mon: 8:15-5

312.943.9090

About: The Newberry Library is an independent research library in Chicago which has a collection of rare materials such as books, maps, music, manuscripts and more. The collection includes materials from collections ranging from American history and culture to the history of the book itself. Want to take a tour? Visit the Newberry on Saturday May 4th at 10:30 AM for a public tour of the Newberry.

Driving Directions: First head north on N Stetson Ave toward E Wacker Dr. Next, turn left at the 1st cross street onto E Wacker Drive. Then turn right onto N Dearborn St/N Dearborn Pkwy, and then finally turn left onto W Walton St.

Google Map Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/2PAzg6gxfHP2>

Rush University Medical Center Library

Rush University

600 S Paulina St #571

Chicago, IL 60612

Distance from the Hyatt: 4.0 Miles

<https://rushu.libguides.com/LibraryHomePage>

Contact: Jennifer Westrick (Please call before visiting): Jennifer.Westrick@rush.edu.

About: This library supports both Rush University as well as Rush University Medical Center. Their collection includes journals, electronic resources and more. The main part of the library is located on the fifth floor of the Armour Academic Center. Before visiting please contact Jennifer Westrick at Jennifer.Westrick@rush.edu.

Driving Directions: First head north on N Stetson Ave toward E Wacker Drive, and then take E Lower Wacker Drive and I-290 W to S Paulina Street.

Google Map Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/XScvtMsg8HU2>

**Library of the Health Sciences
University of Illinois at Chicago**

1750 W. Polk St.
Chicago, IL 60612

Distance from the Hyatt: 4.3 Miles

Contact: Kevin O'Brien at kevinm@uic.edu

About: This is the health sciences library for the University of Illinois at Chicago. The collection includes materials on medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacology, and other health professions. This library also has special collections in history of nursing and pharmacy, urology, neurology, and gastroenterology. Before visiting, contact Kevin O'Brien at kevinm@uic.edu to schedule a tour.

Driving Directions: First, head north on N Stetson Ave toward E Wacker Drive, next take E Lower Wacker Dr and I-290 W to W Polk Street, and then turn left on W Polk Street.

Google Map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/qNSpUJha6Zy>

**The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library
The University of Chicago**

1100 E 57th St, Chicago, IL 60637
Distance from Hyatt: 8.9 miles

<https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/mansueto/>

Contact: Andrea Twiss-Brooks at atbrooks@uchicago.edu

About: Located on the University of Chicago campus in Hyde Park, The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library has the capacity to house millions of volumes in the underground storage system. Books are retrieved through a robotic crane system. Users request a book online, and then within five minutes the robotic crane retrieves the bin where the volume lives and delivers it to the ground floor for staff to pick up and delivers to the patron. The top level of the library is an elliptical glass dome reading room. The library was recognized with a Distinguished Building Citation of Merit by the American Institute of Architects' Chicago chapter and a Patron of the Year Award by the Chicago Architecture Foundation. Visitors may take a self-guided tour of Regenstein and Mansueto Libraries

https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/documents/1024/2016_Regenstein-Self-Guided-Tour.pdf between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm. Please show your MLA conference badge to the attendant for entry. For questions, contact Andrea Twiss-Brooks at atbrooks@uchicago.edu

Driving Directions: First get on US-41 S/N Lake Shore Dr, then turn right onto E 57th Dr, and then next turn right onto S Hyde Park Blvd. Next, turn left onto E 56th St, then turn left onto S Lake Park Ave, and then turn right onto E 57th St.

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/xTvKiUgV1uS2>

**John Crerar Library
University of Chicago**

5730 S Ellis Ave
Chicago, IL 60637

Distance from Hyatt: 9.5 miles

<https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/crerar/>

Hours: Mon-Sat 9-5 (Last sign in at 4:30), Sun- Closed

About: Located in the University of Chicago, this library supports collections in the biological, medical, and physical sciences as well as collections in general science and the philosophy and history of science, medicine, and technology. One exciting new space within the Crerar Library is the Media Arts, Data, and Design (MADD) Center which is a collaborative space designed to be a meeting place for art, design, sciences and technology. MADD includes five resource labs with purposes ranging from providing hardware and software for training and education to a lab for data visualization technology. To learn more about MAAD, visit: <https://bit.ly/2WojArd>. Remember around the corner is The Joe and Rika Mansueto Library, so if you are touring that facility be sure to make a detour to Crerar before coming back to the Hyatt.

Driving Directions: First get on US-41 S/N Lake Shore Dr and then follow US-41 S/N Lake Shore Dr to E Oakwood Blvd. Take the Oakwood Blvd exit from US-41 S/N Lake Shore Dr. Next, take S Cottage Grove Ave to S Drexel Ave.

Google Map Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/xe1JGXHLFso>