

Social Narrative for the
Centennial Celebration
at The Morgan Library
& Museum

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Today, I am visiting The Morgan. It is both a library and a museum, so I will see books and art from ancient times all the way through today. Today is the Centennial Celebration – a special event in honor of the museum's 100th anniversary.



I will enter the museum through the main glass doors on Madison Avenue between 36th and 37th Streets.



I will see a security guard at the entrance. They will show me to the welcome table. If I need directions or help, the security guards or staff wearing badges are good people to ask.



I will check in with someone at the welcome table. I may have to wait in a line for a few minutes. I can ask for a visitor guide that has a map of the museum and a schedule of activities.



Once I have checked in, I can go to the coat check if I have bags or coats I do not want to carry through the museum. Coat check is free. When I give them my items, they will give me a tag with a number on it that I can use to claim them later.



The first place I will see is Gilbert Court. It has glass walls and high ceilings that let in natural light. The cafe is here, and I can buy a meal or snack. This area can get crowded and loud, but it is usually calmer and quieter in the galleries.



A popular place to go first is called the McKim Building. Here, I can see J.P. Morgan's library, his study, and Belle da Costa Greene's office. Greene worked with Morgan as a librarian. The lighting is darker in this part of the museum, and it feels like I stepped back in time.



I can see special exhibitions in the rest of the museum. These change every few months, which means there is always something new to see at The Morgan.



When I am in the galleries, I will notice that most people are quiet. I will be quiet too, so everyone can enjoy a calm visit. I keep my arms at my sides to keep myself, other visitors, and the artwork and objects safe. I should not touch the art or the cases because this could damage them.



There are many activities I can do during the Centennial Celebration. There are tours, art-making activities, live music, a scavenger hunt, a story time, and a film, plus more! I can use the schedule to decide what to do. If an activity is too crowded, I can return later in the day.



The Morgan has a garden that opens for the season this weekend! I can go outside to do an activity and see the main entrance to the McKim building. Since the garden is on 36th Street, there will likely be noises from the cars. It might be loud.



If I need a restroom, I can take the glass elevators down to level B or take the wooden stairs in Gilbert Court. The women's restroom is on the right, and the men's restroom is on the left. If I need an all gender, single occupancy restroom, those are up the stairs near the main entrance. They're right by the museum shop.



If I need a break, there will be a quiet space in the South Parlor. This is across from the museum shop through the glass doors. There will be sensory kits with noise canceling headphones, fidgets, and books that I can use. I can rest here until I am ready to continue my visit.



Once I am ready to leave, I will visit coat check to get my belongings. I may have to wait in a line. I will give the person working at coat check the tag they gave me at the beginning of my visit and they will return my items.



I will exit through the main entrance. If there is anything I did not get to see, I can come back another time or explore the Morgan's website at themorgan.org.

