

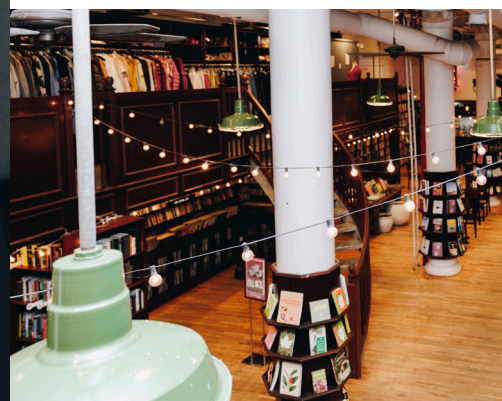
**PRIVATE
EVENTS**

THE LAST LION Winston Spencer Churchill
WILDLAND EVAN OSNOS
NEW YORK after 9/11
The Opened Letter
The Fire of the Dragon
RESTLESS EMPIRE
CHINA AND THE WORLD SINCE 1950
HER SECRET SERVICE
ANTARCTICA
THE BLOOD OF EMMETT TILL
ALL THE SINGLE LADIES
MEMBERS ONLY
CALIBAN'S SHORE
SEASON OF SORROW
PERILOUS TIMES
SCREEN & STAGE
EDITING HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS
THE STORY OF MANKIND
REBECCA TRAISTER
A LONG TIME COMING
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HOUSING WORKS
Bookstore

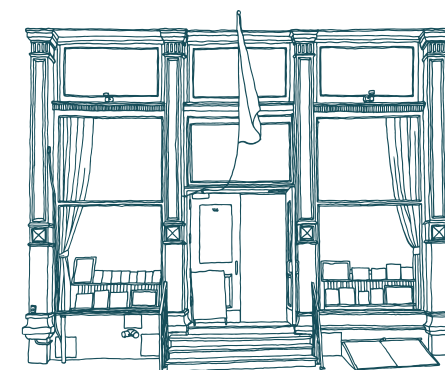
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Located on the cobblestone streets of SoHo, with mahogany bookshelves and spiral staircases, the historic Housing Works Bookstore offers a unique space for just about any kind of gathering. From holiday parties to corporate meetings and weddings, our seasoned team will help you host an event to remember.

Born out of the AIDS crisis in New York City, Housing Works is a healing community that fights for inclusive care, social justice, and an end to homelessness. Our integrated healthcare, life-changing services, relentless advocacy, and social enterprises break barriers and involve the whole community in building a more compassionate and equitable world.



ABOUT THE VENUE

- 3,000 square feet
- 20 ft ceilings
- 150 capacity for cocktail
- 114 capacity for seated
- Full AV capabilities including speakers, lighting, microphones and projector
- 150 chairs
- Ceremony space for weddings



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HOST YOUR EVENT

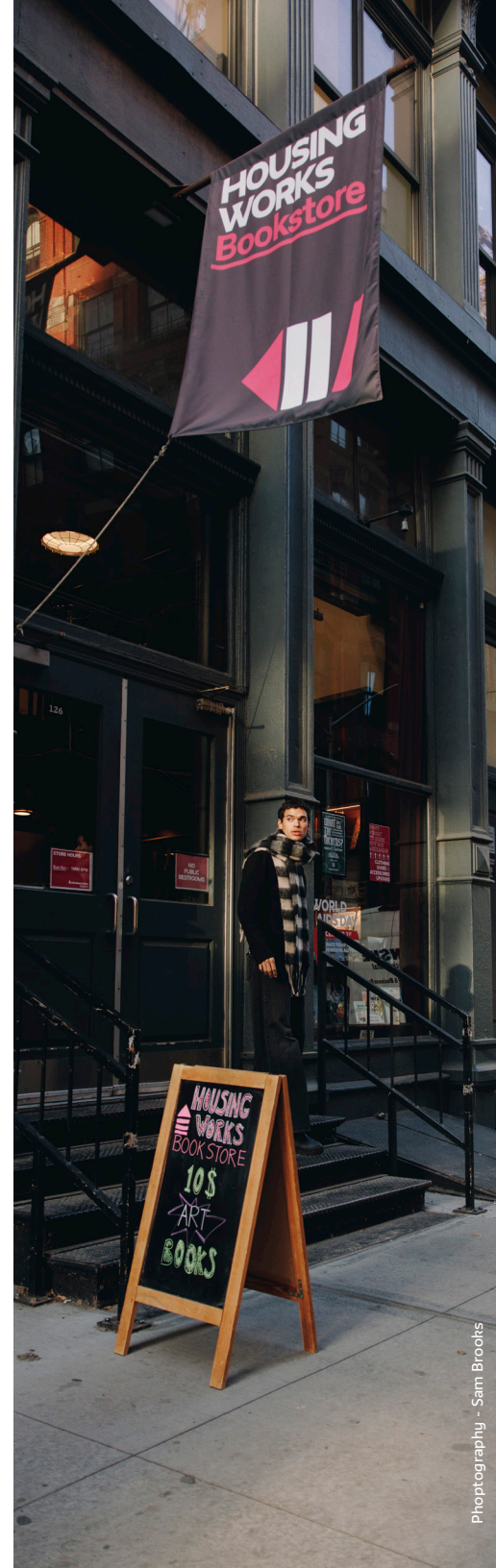
To host a 5+ hour private event at the Housing Works Bookstore, you must purchase a Visionary Membership. This membership serves as your venue fee, and a significant portion is tax-deductible, directly supporting Housing Works' mission. Visionary Memberships begin at \$10,000 and not only secure your private event at the Bookstore, but also unlock these exclusive perks:

- 30% off your initial Bookstore purchase
- 25% off purchases every Sunday at the Bookstore and all Housing Works Thrift Stores
- Early access to select Housing Works shopping events

For shorter events, we offer flexible non-membership venue packages designed to fit a wide range of visions, timelines, and budgets.

Choose from full-day buyouts that provide exclusive access to the entire Bookstore, or opt for semi-private gatherings within thoughtfully curated areas of the space.

Whether you're planning something expansive or intimate, our team will tailor the experience to your needs while preserving the atmosphere and energy that make the Bookstore so distinctive. Submit an inquiry form, and we'll guide you through the options that best align with your event and budget.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do tours and booking work?

We offer tours Monday-Friday, 11am-7pm. During your tour or call, we'll review available dates, discuss your vision, and prepare a customized quote. Once you're ready to move forward, we'll send a contract and take your deposit to secure your date.

What's included in the venue rental?

Your rental includes use of the Bookstore, dedicated staff support, and the ability to customize the layout to fit your vision. We also provide guidance on timelines, vendor coordination, and floor plans.

Is the Bookstore open to the public during private events?

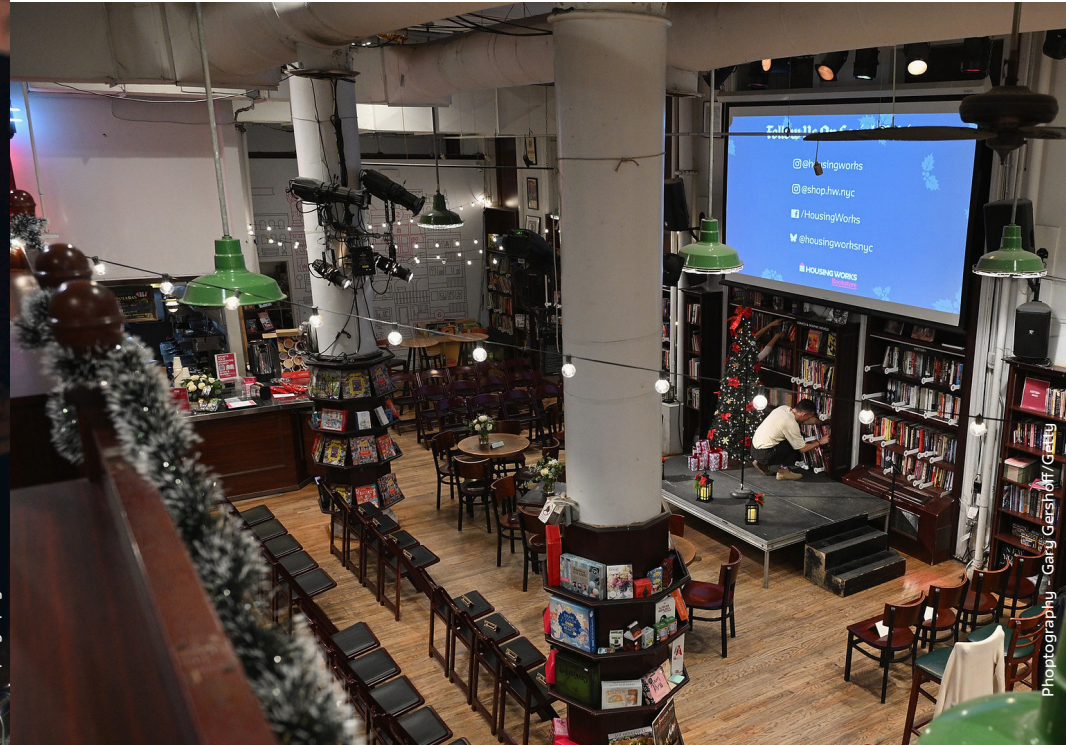
For fully private rentals, the Bookstore is closed to the public for the duration of your event. For partial rentals or daytime events, we can discuss options based on your needs.

Do you have audiovisual capabilities?

Yes. We offer an in-house sound system suitable for speeches, playlists, and light programming. If you require additional AV, we can coordinate with outside vendors.

Do you allow outside vendors?

Absolutely. You're welcome to bring in your preferred caterer, florist, planner, and other vendors. We also have a list of partners who know the space well if you'd like recommendations.



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TYPES OF EVENTS



WEDDINGS

Celebrate your love story surrounded by towering bookshelves, warm lighting, and the unmistakable spirit of New York's most beloved nonprofit bookstore. Romantic, iconic, and unmistakably downtown, the Bookstore sets the stage for a celebration that feels both timeless and entirely your own.



CELEBRATIONS

Mark life's important moments in a setting that feels bespoke from the start. From birthdays to showers to reunions, gatherings at the Bookstore carry an easy charm and a sense of occasion that guests won't forget.



FUNDRAISERS/OTHER

There's no better place to gather around a purpose. From galas to auctions and community events, the Bookstore's character naturally inspires connection, generosity, and engagement.



CORPORATE/HOLIDAY

Step outside the expected and host your next company event in a space that sparks conversation. Ideal for holiday parties, client gatherings, and team celebrations, the Bookstore offers a memorable backdrop with meaningful impact.

SAMPLE WEDDING TIMELINE



3:00 pm	Venue Access for Vendors (4pm for cocktail)
5:30 pm	Couples' First Look
6:00 pm	Guests Arrive
6:20 pm	Ceremony
6:40 pm	Cocktail Hour
7:40 pm	Dinner
9:00 pm	Dancing and Dessert
11 pm	Event Ends
12 am	Breakdown Complete

BAR OFFERINGS

WINE

Packages include 2 white, 2 red, & bubbles. Table Wine Service is \$6-8/head.

RED

Cabernet Sauvignon
Malbec
Pinot Noir

WHITE

Chardonnay
Pinot Grigio
Sauvignon Blanc

ROSE

BUBBLES

Cava (Toast: \$5/head)

BEER

Packages include 3.

Brooklyn Brewery:
Lager
Hazy IPA
Pale Ale
Pilsner

Blue Moon Belgian Style White
Heineken
Amstel Light
Bad Seed Cider

PREMIUM BAR OFFERINGS

The spirits below are included in the Premium Bar Package. Call names may vary. No substitutions allowed.

VODKA

Tito's
Ketel One

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Tanqueray
Bombay Sapphire

RUM

Bacardi Light
Meyer's Original

TEQUILA

Hornitos: Blanco, Reposado, Añejo
Rosaluna: Mezcal

WHISKEY

Jack Daniel's Black
Seagram's 7
Bulleit Rye
Bulleit Bourbon

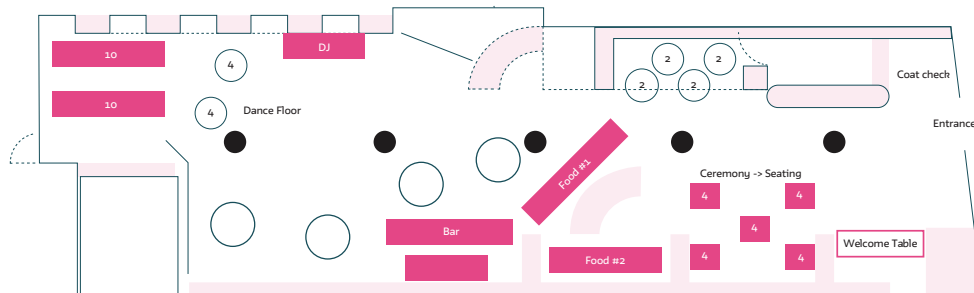
LIQUEURS & CORDIALS

Dry/Sweet Vermouth
Triple Sec
St. Germain - Elderflower
Disaronno - Amaretto
Baileys Irish Cream
Kahlua
Campari

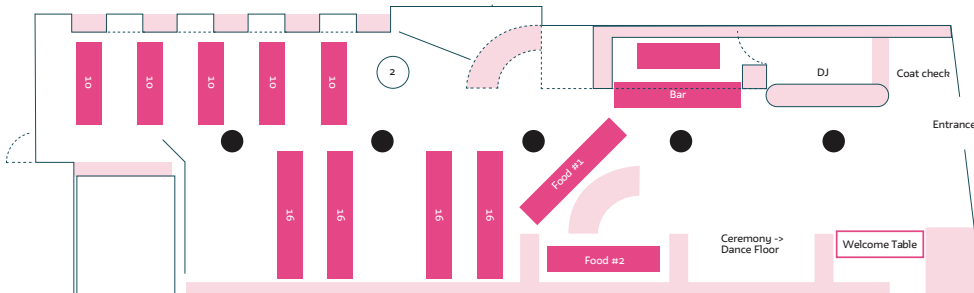
Signature cocktails available for an additional price per guest, depending on complexity of drink. Please be aware that this entire list is subject to change based on availability from our vendors. If a particular item is unavailable, we will substitute with the closest alternative.

SAMPLE FLOOR PLANS

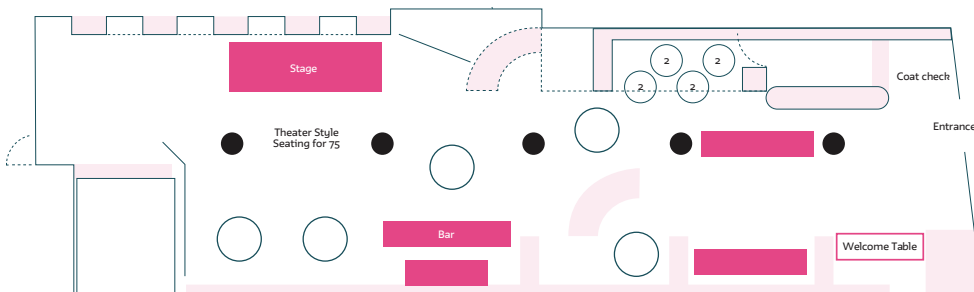
Cocktail



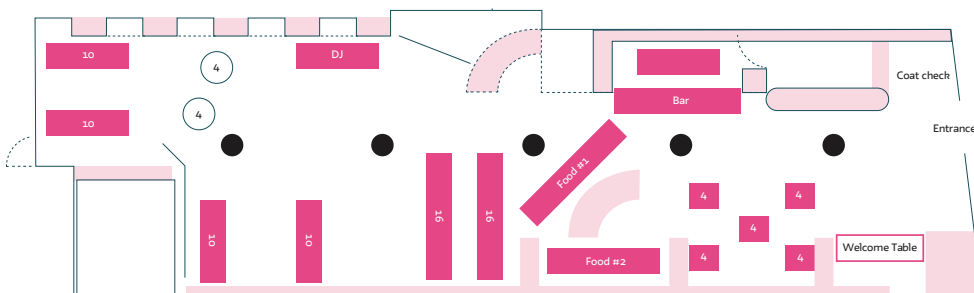
Seated



Corporate



Hybrid



OUR PREFERRED VENDORS

Chef Cava, LLC
chefcava.com

City Beets Kitchens
citybeetkitchens.org

Comparti
comparticatering.com

Deborah Miller Catering & Event
deborahmillercatering.com

Marcey Brownstein (Kosher)
marceybrownstein.com

Red Table Catering
redtablecatering.com

BEVERAGE

All beverages must be provided through the **Housing Works Bookstore**

RENTAL COMPANIES

Broadway Party Rentals
broadwaypartyrentals.com

Elite / Please B Seated
elitepbsevents.com

Want to learn more? Fill out our online form and someone from our team will be in touch!



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