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The Morgan Library & Museum in New York City

While celebrating the centennial events at the American Accounting Association annual meeting this August in New York City, you may want to consider a visit to the historic Morgan Library.

This magnificent museum houses several exhibits, including the Pierpont Morgan 1906 Library, a designated



national historic landmark. The library, designed by Charles Follen McKim, includes the Rotunda, the West Room, the North Room, and the East Room. While works of art are on display in all the rooms, the West Room and the East Room are particularly worth noting.

The West Room served as Pierpont Morgan's study, where he spent ample time during his later years. A massive fireplace dominates the room, along with low shelves filled with rare books. Morgan's collection of rare manuscripts were kept in a secured vault within this elegant room.

The East Room, shown above, may be the most remarkable room for historians to ponder. Three stories of inlaid walnut shelves line this room's walls, which is dominated by a gloriously-designed ceiling. The East Room's collections include medieval manuscripts, rare books and bindings, and original manuscripts from writers and artists. A key artifact on display in this room is a Gutenberg Bible from 1455, as well as original music written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and writings by Henry David Thoreau.

The museum is located at 225 Madison Avenue at 36th Street in New York, a short walk from Grand Central or Penn Station. Admission is \$18 for adults (\$12 for seniors) and visiting hours vary during the week. They also offer dining at the casual Morgan Café or the more upscale Morgan Dining Room (no admission required for dining).

Academy members and friends coming to New York for the AAA conference may consider visiting the museum as a group. If interested, please contact Yvette Lazdowski at yjlazdowski@plymouth.edu.

More information on exhibits and hours can be found at their website: www.themorgan.org, also the source for all information included here.