

VISITING THE MARY BAKER EDDY LIBRARY

Boston's Most Captivating Cultural Destination!

The Mary Baker Eddy Library provides public access and context to original materials and to educational experiences about Mary Baker Eddy's life, ideas, achievements, and legacy. This includes free educational programming for youth during school vacations, quarterly webcasts that delve into Eddy's relevance in the 21st century, annual community programming in partnership with the Fenway Cultural District, and assisted collections exploration.

The World-Famous Mapparium®

The most famous Library exhibit is the Mapparium, an unforgettable experience for millions since it opened in 1935. For over 80 years, visitors have stepped across the glass bridge spanning a three-story globe to stand at the center of the Earth. There they are surrounded by continents and oceans created in vivid stained glass. More accurate than most flat-map representations, this view offers surprises: the size of some continents, the proximity of others. As a review of its unveiling described it, the Mapparium shows "the Earth as a simple and glowing idea."

The Publishing House Lobby

When the Christian Science Publishing Society constructed a new headquarters in 1934—at the height of the Great Depression—this building housed massive printing and bindery equipment to produce *The Christian Science Monitor* and other Christian Science periodicals on-site.

As a celebration of our common heritage, this grand two-story hall was created with materials internationally sourced from Portugal, France, Belgium, England, Germany, Italy, Czechoslovakia, and Australia.

Mary Baker Eddy: An Extraordinary Life

Watch a ten-minute video about the life of Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910). From an unremarkable beginning on a New Hampshire farm, she became one of the most successful and influential women of her day. An avid writer, deep thinker, and devout Christian, Eddy founded an award-winning newspaper, started a college, established a church, and wrote a landmark book on religion, health, and spirituality.

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