

## Historical & Book Walking Tour

*Estimated distance=3000-3600 steps or 1½ miles. Walking time=30-45 minutes*

### **Benjamin Rush Statue starting point...**

From Benjamin Rush Statue:

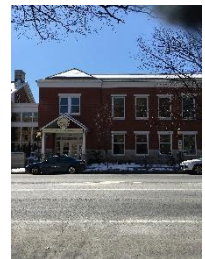
- Cross N. West Street at the crosswalk, and turn right onto North West Street following to West High Street
- Head east on West High Street to **Whistlestop Book Shop** -- > Enjoy the variety of books provided at this historic book shop:



Whistlestop Bookshop opened in Gettysburg in August 1985 at 11 West Railroad St, right across from the Lincoln Diner. A quick two-and-a-half years later, in January 1988, a second store opened in Carlisle at 152 West High Street, next door to Back Door Cafe (now The Grazery) and the Bosler Memorial Library. Eventually, both stores moved to larger quarters.

Whistlestop Gettysburg moved to 104 Carlisle Street and eventually closed at the end of July 2004, after 19 years. Whistlestop Carlisle moved to 129 West High Street, when the owners bought the building in 1998. On August 2nd of that year, in one day, friends and customers helped with the move across the street and a little east of the first location to the current quarters. These helpers forever earned their fame as "the Whistlestop Movers," as the now-rare bandannas proclaimed. Whistlestop is now in its permanent home, expanding and adding new lines of books, cards, music, and what we call "book-related product" on a regular basis.

- **History on High:** Continue heading east on W. High Street and follow to **History on High** --> **Enjoy the history of the this venue (<https://www.historicalsociety.com/history-on-high/>)**
- **Pomfret Street Books:** From the *History on High*, continue heading east on W. High Street to the Carlisle Square, then turn right and head south on S. Hanover Street to the intersection with Pomfret Street.
  - Cross South Hanover Street to East Pomfret Street to find **Pomfret Street Books (<http://www.pomfretstreetbooks.com/>)**, carrying an inventory of hard to find, out of print, used, and rare books.
- **Bosler Library:** From Pomfret Street Books, return to S. Hanover Street, and head north back to the Carlisle Square. At the square, turn left and head west at the corner of High and Hanover Streets onto West High Street. Follow W. High Street to the **Bosler Library** on your left.
  - Walk up the steps and enter the front main entrance to the Bosler Library. Note the whimsical signage:
    - *The Bookery* – explore this curiosity shop of books, pictures and other items.
    - *Next...*step back out of the Bookery and follow the steps to opposite the Bookery, up to the second floor and look for the stained glass windows
    - The large stained glass window with the red arch surrounding the soldier and flag, honoring **“those who gave their tomorrows for our freedoms today”**



- Continue through the second floor, going to the left into the connecting room and following the perimeter of the room to the “Magazines & Newspapers” reading area, then continue back to the top of the main stairway
    - Cross the stairway reception area to the **Kids Library** area, noting the inviting books and displays along with more stained glass windows around the perimeter of this community gathering space that encourages reading and literacy through hands on engagement and activities.
    - After circling the **Kids Library area**, return down the stairs to the main level of the library, at the bottom of the stairs, *exit to your left* and continue out the back door.
  - Walk along the back of the building, following the signs for **Administrative Offices** that take you out to S. West Street.
- **Bosler Hall:** Once at S. West Street, turn right and follow to the intersection of S. West and W. High Street. Cross S. West Street and follow W. High Street to the Weiss Center cross walk, crossing over to the John Dickinson Campus and **Bosler Hall**.
  - Take note of the *cartouche* that sits just to the right of the front entrance of **Bosler Hall**, and reminisce about the historic Book Walk that took place from Bosler to the Waidner-Spahr Library
  - Walk up the front steps of Bosler Hall and enter the mezzanine area of the building. Appreciate that this once was filled with books and was the library.
  - Continue up the steps in the mezzanine area to the upper level, then notice the artwork and photographs displayed throughout the building as you continue to the stairwell and up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
  - From the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor stairwell door, continue to your right to the front of the building, and down the stairwell to the right to the lower level of Bosler Hall to the **Media Center**.
  - As you enter the **Media Center** and **Academic Technology** area on the lower level of Bosler, peak into the **Micro Room** before walking through the **Media Center** area, where you can gain assistance with making videos, borrowing equipment or holding video-conference calls if needed.
  - At the back of the Media Center area, exit the door to the left into the stairwell and go up to the first floor level, then exit the building out the back door and down the ramp.
- *Continue this Historical Book Walk journey by heading toward Althouse and the N. College Street Crosswalk.*
- **Rector Science Complex:** Walk across N. College Street to the HUB side of the street, then continue heading north on N. College Street to the intersection of N. College and W. Louther Streets, then cross over to the **Rector Science Complex**.
- **At Rector**, enter the front main entrance, and head up to the second floor using the steps just inside the door.
  - At the top of the steps, turn right and then right again to follow the connecting hall from Rector to TOME.
  - Within this upper level connecting hallway, stop and notice a unique **Scientific Library** available to our science students at Dickinson. This library contains manuals to aid in the study of chemistry and other sciences for completing lab reports and other needs.

- Continue down the hallway all the way past the Physics and Astronomy offices to the stairwell on the left.
- Follow the stairs down to the ground level, and go out to the left to continue exploring the Waidner Spahr Library.
- **Waidner-Spahr Library:** From the **Rector Science Complex**, head across W. Louthier Street after passing the student townhouses on your right to approach the **Waidner Spahr Library**.
- Walk along the west end of the **Waidner Spahr library** from the ATS parking lot around to the front, and enter through the main entrance to the **Mermaid** on your right. Note the variety of signs promoting books, reading and community within the library and around the Circulation Desk.
  - From the Mermaid, head up the steps to the upper level – noting the art stating “**Brace Yourself**” on the steps as you approach.
  - At the top of the steps turn to your right and head across the upper level of the library to the “**Quiet Side**” and continue heading EAST into the quiet section...
  - *Keep going...to reach the **East Asian Studies Reading Room** and then turn left toward the internal stairwell.*
  - Enjoy the portraits in the stairwell as you head down to the lower level of the library, where you will exit the stairwell turning to the right, and find **User Services – aka – the HelpDesk** as you continue the journey through the land of books...
  - Once you reach the *HelpDesk area*, turn to the right again to discover the **Archives** of the library. Archives will be found after you pass the **Information Commons area** and *continue up the hallway toward the west end of the library.*
  - *Notice all of the wonderful displays created in the Archives area before heading up the internal stairwell to the main library level.*
  - *At the top of the stairwell, exit to your right – and take note of the **Biblio Café!***
- **Optional:** From here, exit the library and cross Britton Plaza to visit the HUB – the location of our very own Bookstore! Explore this unique location that is a treasure for our Dickinson community with a variety of books for resources and reading pleasure!
- *You may consider this the end of the Historical Book Walking Tour – or you may head back across campus to the beginning to the **Benjamin Rush Statue** to complete your journey.*
- **Benjamin Rush** – if you missed it – is holding a book and a pen, something you may have missed at the onset before you began the historical book walking tour today. 😊
  - *Your journey today covered between 3000-3600 steps or about 1 ½ miles, and probably lasted 30-45 minutes. We hope you enjoyed exploring Carlisle and the book/history aspect of the areas on West High Street and Dickinson College.*