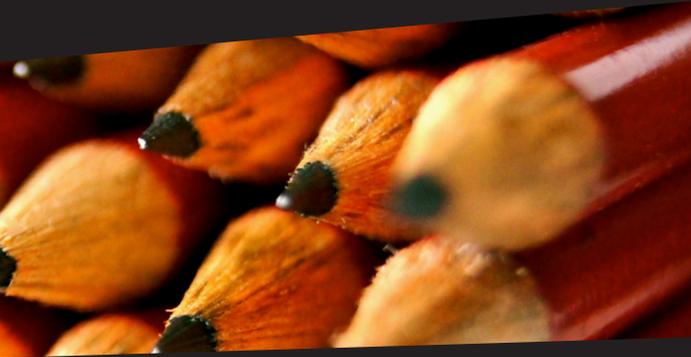


FAQ

HUGO HOUSE

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



Where are we going, where have we been? Hugo House is moving, and we want you to be in the loop. Here, you'll find answers to questions about the old house, the temporary space, the new building, and what you can do to help us make a smooth move.

OLD HOUSE

I heard the old building is coming down. What's the plan?

The demolition date is currently scheduled for June 1, 2016. Hugo House will move into the temporary location—called Hugo House First Hill—during the last week in May.

Will you have any celebrations of the House before it comes down?

Yes! Join us May 7 for ***Epilogue/Prologue: A Celebration of Hugo House***, where we'll have drinks, music, a "past room" and "future room" showing what the space has been and will become, a photo booth, and the Skillet food truck. We'll be putting together an ebook of six-word Hugo House memoirs—make sure to prepare your small six-word "story" about your time here before you come! Best of all, you're encouraged to write on the walls. All over them. For real. Just make sure to bring a Sharpie or marker.

The last official event at the old Hugo House is the May 20 Lit Series, featuring Jenny Offill, Laura Van Den Berg, Maged Zaher, and visual artist Dawn Cerny presenting new work on the theme "The Writing's on the Wall" (and it will be!). Tickets available at Hugohouse.org.

Can we be there when the house is torn down?

There are restrictions about how close you can get, but Cal Anderson is a public park and you can watch from there.

Will you keep any pieces of the current building?

At our Epilogue/Prologue party, our architects will salvage parts of the walls, in tangible or photo form, to bring into the new space. That means your writing on the wall could show up in our new building.

Continue on to find out about the temporary space and our brand-new home. ►

TEMPORARY HOME

Where is Hugo House moving?

The temporary space is located next to the Frye Art Museum on First Hill, at 1021 Columbia St. We will hold all classes and many of our smaller events there. We're delighted to be near the Frye, and we're grateful for their partnership.

Will programs cease when you're in the temporary office?

Definitely not! We'll still be running at full capacity, and you can expect the same quality of classes and events. In fact, we'll be introducing new programs in the coming months.

How long will you be in the temporary space?

Until the end of 2017. As with most development projects, this is a rough estimate.

How will I get there? Is there parking at the temporary space?

Street parking will be available, both paid and free two-hour parking.

You can also take the **First Hill Streetcar** that stops by our new location, and which connects to the **Broadway Streetcar** and **South Lake Union Streetcar** via downtown.

For the bus: you may take the **12** from Interlaken Park, the **64** from Lake City to Downtown to First Hill, the **303** from Shoreline Park & Ride, and the **309** from Kenmore Park & Ride. From Downtown, you may take the **3**, **4**, **12**, or **13**, which typically take about fifteen minutes. From the University District, you can take the **Light Rail** to Capitol Hill, and from there, the Broadway Streetcar.

Will you have events at the temporary space on First Hill?

Yes, we'll be holding many of our smaller events there (about the same size as our current Cabaret events).

What will be the first event outside of Hugo House?

Domingo Martinez's Word Works talk on May 22 at Elliott Bay Book Company, 3 pm. He'll discuss fearlessness when it comes to writing.

Will events be the same?

With the exception of location, you can expect the same number and caliber of events.

Will refreshments be available?

Nope. We won't even allow you to have water. Just kidding. Of course! We're getting a liquor license for the temp space, and many of our other interim event spaces will have a bar.

When do classes shift from the old Hugo House to the temporary space?

The first classes at Hugo House First Hill will begin on May 21*. If you are still in a multiweek class at that time, your class will shift to the new location on or after May 21, depending on the day of the week your class meets. If you have further questions, please contact angela@hugohouse.org.

*Please note that Publishing Day will still take place at the old House on May 21.

What is the temporary space like?

We think it's just as cozy and quirky as our current space! There are various room sizes—suitable for both small and large classes—and we'll have the usual setup and white boards. Plus, there's a little backyard area, and maybe one or two Hugo House ghosts will follow us there.

NEW/FUTURE HOME

Why does Hugo House need a new facility?

Hugo House doesn't actually own the current location. The ownership team is a group of people who bought Hugo House in the mid-nineties. This remarkable group includes early supporters and founders of Hugo House, and their vision has been fundamental to the growth of the organization.

The ownership team has generously allowed Hugo House to operate in the old building since it opened twenty years ago. Since then, property values (and taxes) on Capitol Hill have skyrocketed. The ownership team has decided to build a new structure here, with a dedicated space on the ground floor for Hugo House's new home, along with five stories of residential condos above. (We like that we'll have "stories" above us.) We will own this new house.

Where will the new home be?

In the same location, though the footprint will be larger.

Will the new space have everything the current one provides?

That and more! We'll have twice as many classrooms, a flexible event space, a permanent bar, and even a courtyard in the back for gatherings. Plus, we'll have a sufficient number of restrooms, and modern amenities like consistent air conditioning and heat, which we don't have currently. The new house will also be environmentally friendly.

Will the new building be too modern?

We have two acclaimed architectural firms involved in this project. **AU Weinstein & Co** have designed the exterior as an elegant brick structure, and the renowned **NBBJ** has been working with Hugo House on how best to bring a writerly sensibility to the new space, including incorporating "artifacts" from the old house into the new home.

What will events and classes look like when you move to the brand-new home?

We will have six classrooms in the new space, of varying sizes, and we will have upgraded furniture and tables more suited to class sizes. Events will take place in a flexible space that fits up to 150 people.

Does a small nonprofit like Hugo House have the money to buy a new space?

We are undertaking a capital campaign to raise money so we can have a permanent home on Capitol Hill. We have already received generous support from a number of major donors (gifts of \$5,000 and above), as well as a much-appreciated \$205,000 grant from 4Culture's Building for the Arts fund. But we are going to need community support.

I want to help! Can I make a contribution to Hugo House?

Yes! We are going to ask everyone who is part of our literary family to help. We are in the early stages of the campaign, but please stay tuned. We'll be letting everyone know what they can do after we are settled into the temporary space. We'll be asking you for ideas, funding, and assistance, either through volunteering, being an ambassador and spreading the word, or maybe in ways we haven't thought of yet. Feel free to reach out to us!

If you're eager to get involved or think you can assist us in this early phase of the campaign project, please contact our executive director, Tree Swenson. You can reach her at tree@hugohouse.org.

Can I be added to a list to stay updated?

Yes! You may sign up for enews at the bottom of our website, hugohouse.org.