

2019 State of the Arts Accessibility Information

This year's State of the Arts conference takes place at the BAnQ - Grande Bibliothèque, a large public library located downtown Montreal.

This document summarizes the results of a detailed accessibility audit conducted at the venue. If you have any feedback or questions - no matter how specific - we would be happy to hear from you! Give us a ring at (514) 935-3312 (ext. 24) or email sota@quebec-elan.org.

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Venue Details

Name: BAnQ - Grande Bibliothèque

Full Address: 475 Boul de Maisonneuve E, Montréal, QC, H2L 5C4

Phone Number: (514) 873-1100

Opening Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10 AM-10 PM; Saturday-Sunday 10 AM-6 PM; closed Mondays

Website: www.banq.qc.ca

Venue Policies

- The venue does not allow service animals inside
- The venue does not have an official scent-free policy

Getting There

The BANQ is connected directly to [Berri-UQAM](#) metro station. Elevator access is available from the ORANGE LINE train platforms to the station's mezzanine. Unfortunately, the yellow and green lines are not accessible by elevator. Click [here](#) to find the STM's elevator service status updates.

The nearest bus routes are 15, 30, 715, and 747. Guests arriving by plane can take the 747 directly from the Pierre Elliott Trudeau airport to the Grande Bibliothèque. To see a map of the surrounding area, including metro exits and bus stops, click [here](#).

Bus tickets are available free upon request at the registration table.

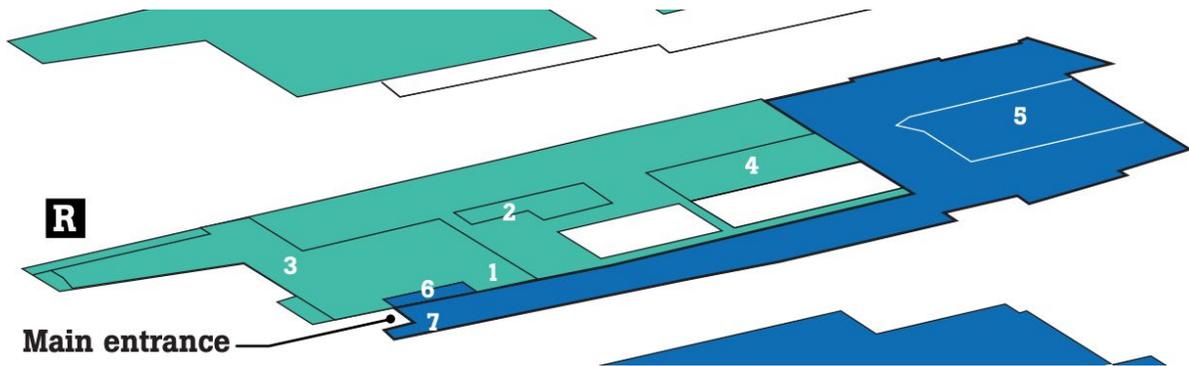
Underground parking is available for a rate of \$2 per half hour or \$17 a day (click [here](#) for more details). Guests can access the parking lot by car from either Avenue Savoie or Rue Berri. There is an elevator connecting parking (S1 and S2) to the metro level (M) and ground floor (R), where the conference is located.

Entrance

Guests arriving by metro **before 10 AM**, or those travelling by other means, can enter the Grande Bibliothèque from the side entrance on Rue Berri. At this time the building is accessible only through an automatic revolving door, but an adjacent automatic swing door will function **after 10 AM** once the library officially opens. The automatic swing door also has a service button to contact security and a grab handle that pulls to open.

The side entrance on Rue Berri is not numbered, but there will be a **State of the Arts** sign on the day of the conference. The registration table will be set up inside the rotating side entrance. Guests using the automatic swing door should turn left and pass through two automatic doors to access the main floor, where you can find the registration table to the left.

Guests arriving by metro **after 10 AM** can access the Grande Bibliothèque directly from Berri-UQAM metro station via elevator or escalator. Look for the entrance by the Café Van Houtte! Upon entering the library's ground floor, move forward through the hall (passing by the circulation desks and shops) to find our registration table near the auditorium:



R Ground floor

- 1** Reception desk
Services for people with disabilities
Service québécois du livre adapté (adapted book service)
- 2** Circulation desks (for memberships, loans and returns)
- 3** News and new releases section
- 4** Journals, magazines and newspapers
- 5** Auditorium
- 6** Shop
- 7** Indoor access to the Berri-UQAM metro station
Access to underground parking

From the *Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec's* [floor plan of the Grande Bibliothèque](#)

There is a public lobby with some rest seating available near the registration table. Lockers are found next to the auditorium, but you must either bring your own lock or purchase one on site.

Upon registration, guests will receive a wearable tag showing their name and artistic disciplines. There will be a signaling system in place so that guests can clearly indicate their mood on the name tag using coloured stickers (provided at registration), with an option to signal that you are not comfortable engaging with others socially.

Navigation

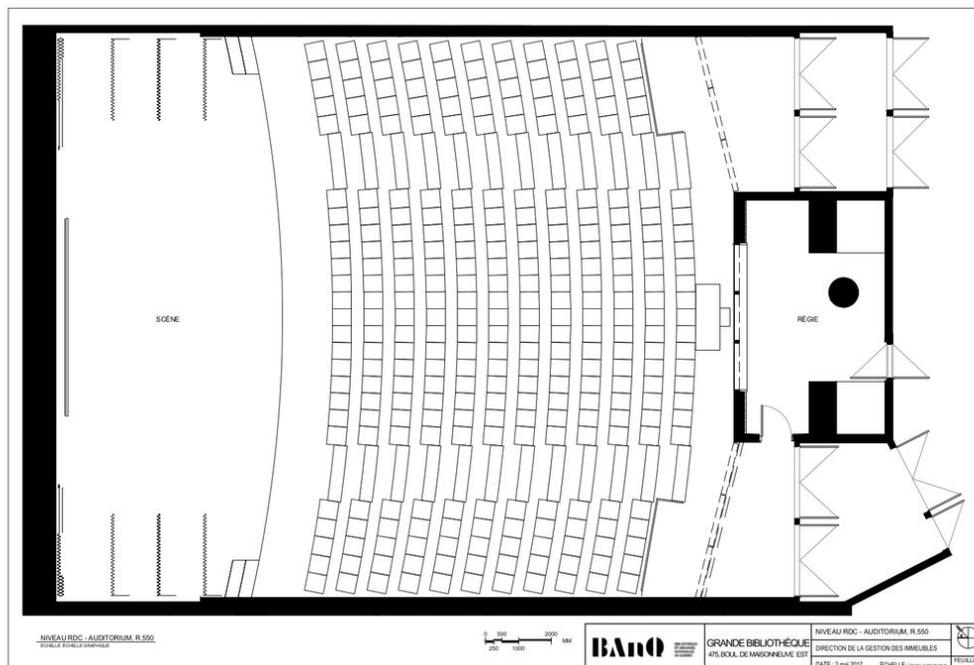
The conference takes place in the Auditorium on the ground floor (R), and rooms M-450 and M-465 on the metro-level floor (M). The floors are in good condition and made of carpet or tile. All doorways have a clear width greater than 32 inches.

The Auditorium is located directly behind the registration table and clearly marked with a large-print sign. M-450 and M-465 are down one level and can be accessed using the elevator or stairwell behind the registration table. The elevator has a handrail and braille signage. Select floor M.

Auditorium

The doors to access to the auditorium are not automatic, but they will be propped open before and after presentations in this space. Otherwise, the doors pull open using a long vertical grab rail.

The auditorium has 284 padded chairs (17 inches wide) with armrests facing the front stage. There are two staircase aisles leading down to the front row. Priority seating is available and guests are welcome to reserve a seat in advance by contacting sota@quebec-elan.org. Wheelchair accessible seating is available in the back row. The auditorium is well-lit with fluorescent lighting and speakers will be connected to microphones.



M-450 and M-465

The doors are not automatic, but they will be propped open before and after presentations in these spaces. Otherwise, the doors push open using a lever handle. Both rooms are carpeted and will be kept free of tripping hazards. M-450 can seat 40 guests while M-465 can seat 22. The chairs are not padded but those with armrests are available. Each seat has space at a table that is 47 inches high. Chairs and tables can be moved to accommodate guests on-the-fly. Priority seating is available. The rooms are artificially lit with overhead fluorescent lighting.

Washroom Facilities

There are multi-stall washroom facilities available close to the auditorium, M-450 and M-465 (on both floors). The push swing doors to enter these facilities are not automatic, though there is enough space to maneuver a wheelchair inside and a clearing by the sink. There is an accessible stall with grab rails and a changing table in both “men’s” and “women’s” facilities. The flushing mechanism, faucets and (scented) soap dispenser are not automatic, though the hand dryer is. Tampons or pads are available from a dispenser in the “women’s” washroom only.

Unfortunately all of the washroom facilities at the Grande Bibliothèque are divided according to binary gender. There are private single-stall washrooms available up one level on floor 1 inside the National Collection “wooden rooms.” Please note that guests are required to check their bags upon entering this space. Turn left after the collection’s main entrance and follow the signs on the ceiling. These washrooms are gendered, but more private than the shared facilities.

Communication

Free Wi-Fi is available on site via the network, [MTLWiFi](#). There is a coin-operated public telephone behind the registration table on the ground floor, by the doors leading to the elevator.

All sessions will be presented in English, but whisper translation to French is available upon request on the registration form. ASL interpreters are also available upon request.

Sessions taking place in the auditorium (excluding break out sessions 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B) will be recorded and broadcasted on Facebook Live! Check out our [Facebook Page](#) on the day of the event to find the livestream. Staff will also be typing live notes in a public Google Doc that we will share on our social media accounts on the day of the event. Viewers are welcome to ask questions via Facebook Live, [Twitter](#), or by emailing farahfancy@quebec-elan.org (be clear in the subject line; ex: Google Doc Question).

Food and Beverage

The conference will provide all participants with coffee and refreshments during breaks (11:05-11:20; 2:45-3:00) as well as a vegan lunch from [Hive Café](#) (12:35-1:15). There is an option to request a gluten-free meal in advance on the registration form. All food will be labeled with a list of ingredients. Guests are welcome to bring their own food if they wish and there is also a small bistro located next to the reference table called [Le Parva](#).

Water fountains are located on the main floor behind the registration table, as well as on the M-level floor outside the washrooms.

Childcare

[Montreal Childcare Collective](#) will be provide free childcare on the premises. Please send requests to sota@quebec-elan.org at least 24 hours prior to the event.

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