

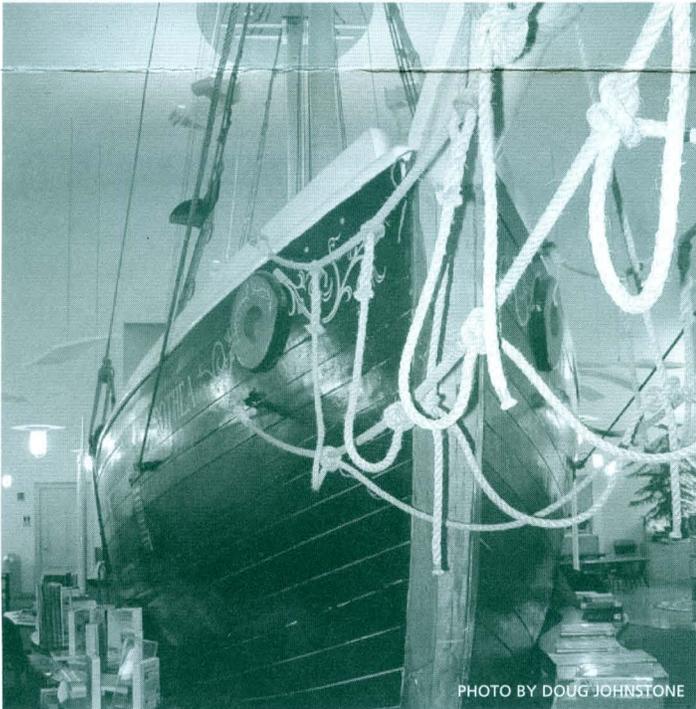


# PROVINCETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Only one year ago, a whole new Library universe opened to the public in Provincetown! At exactly 10 am on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, scores of townsfolk and visitors streamed into our new building at 356 Commercial Street for the first time.



**"It's Awesome!"**

**"Awesome!"** is exactly the right word to describe our new Library. Brilliant design, combined with excellent workmanship, have equated to a World Class Facility. It is a gorgeous gift, an architectural gem. It uplifts our minds, hearts and spirits each time we enter.

We cherish our new Library as a living symbol of the astonishing work that a community can accomplish when it sets its mind to it. We turned our dreams into reality because we had a plan; a plan that was focused and well-conceived. Together, we created a facility that honors the past, meets the needs of the present, and envisions the future.

## **Library Journal Architectural Honor**

Designed by Boston's Perry Dean Rogers/Partners, our Library is so outstanding that it was honored in the annual Architectural issue of the prestigious *Library Journal* last December as one of 94 library additions/renovations across the US most noted for their big and bold designs. Of the three cited in Massachusetts, we were joined by Concord and North Adams.

## **Big and Small at the Same Time**

Although our town is small, our thirst for knowledge is big. And, our new Library reflects just that. Which other Library do we know, that from its founding in 1873, has grown to welcome more than 100,000 people annually and boasts a circulation of 60,000 books and materials.

Our reputation as a cultural center on the Cape has soared. It is a community gathering place; a place to read and reflect, investigate and explore. Most of us have seen nothing like it. From the historic Front Lobby with its grand staircases, the Front Desk, Express Level and Reading Room, to the soaring vaulted ceiling above the *Rose Dorothea* in the Children's Library, to the breathtaking views of the Harbor from the Mezzanine, we are struck by its beauty and functionality.

Strong libraries are essential to education and lifelong learning, to economic development, to strong communities, and to a strong democracy. Thankfully, we in Provincetown know what a treasure we have!

## **Art Commission Hangs Town Art**

Thanks to Town Art Commission members Stephen Borkowski and Peggy Prichett, important pieces of the Town's art collection now grace the Library's walls.

More than 10 paintings have been restored, reframed and hung throughout the building. Works by Beneker, Chaffee, Del Deo, Dowd, Hensche, L'Engle, Knaths, Moffett, Oppenheim, Rann, and Windust are on display. The Library is serving as an important venue for the display of works that have been in storage and, due to their size, have not been seen previously.

We thank Library Custodian Brian Cowing for his expert assistance in hanging the art. And, we are grateful to the Art Commission for bringing this rich history of Provincetown through art into the Library, making it available to such a wide audience of residents and visitors.



Library Custodian Brian Cowing, left, and Art Commission Chair Stephen Borkowski hang Oliver Chaffee's "Still Life", c. 1931, in the Children's Library.

# Capital Campaign – Phase Two

Thanks to the 1300+ donors from 37 states across America who have supported the Library Building Project. We are pleased to let you know that to date we have raised \$1.1 million in cash gifts and pledges with another \$600,000 to go –

- \$150,000 to complete the Lower Level, which will house a major part of the Collection
- \$350,000 to reconstruct the decorative Front Façade
- \$100,000 to design and complete the Historic Landscaping

**Choice naming opportunities are still available, such as**

- Selected Furnishings \$1,000 to \$2,500
- Stack sections – \$2,500 each
- Historic windows \$15,000 to \$30,000
- Glass enclosed elevator – \$50,000
- Reading Room – \$100,000
- Lower Level – \$100,000
- Front Façade – \$250,000
- Name the building – \$1 million.

**For more choices and information, contact Library Director Debra DeJonker-Berry at 508-487-7094.**



(Above) Linda Schlecter and the Born-to-Read Story Hour children, looking forward to the Portuguese Festival.



(Left) Removing the belfry for repair.

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(Below) The *Rose Dorothea* in the Children's Library.

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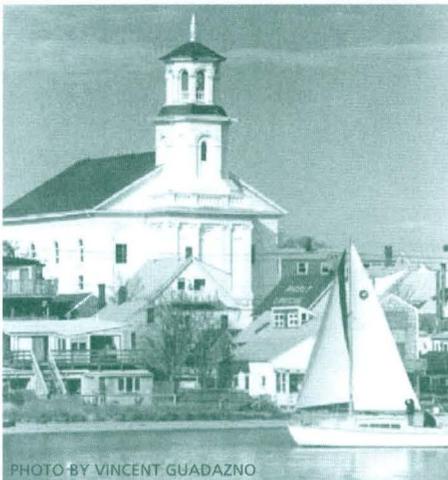


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## BUILDING CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We've reached the \$1.1 million mark toward our \$1.7 million goal in cash gifts and pledges to the Library Building Fund! Please join us and more than 1,300 individuals from 37 states across the US with your *tax-deductible* contribution.

**Yes!** I support the Provincetown Public Library Building Project Capital Campaign Fund in the amount of:

\$50,000     \$10,000     \$2,500     \$500     \$100  
 \$25,000     \$5,000     \$1,000     \$250     \$50  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please charge my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my  
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You may also provide support for the PPL Building Fund through monthly donations with a minimum of \$15 per month by selecting that option below:

"I authorize PPL to charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card each month"  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed, made payable to "PPL Building Fund"\*

I am making my/our gift in honor/memory of\*\*  
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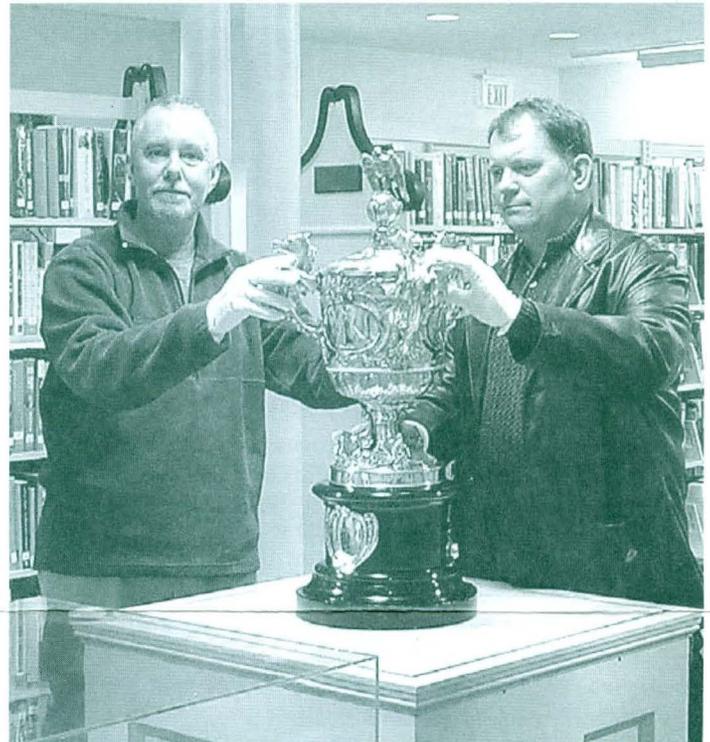
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**Provincetown Public Library**  
 356 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657

\* Your contribution to the Town of Provincetown's "PPL Building Fund" is tax-deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

\*\* When you make a gift to the "PPL Building Fund" in someone's name, both you and s/he become donors and a gift card is sent.

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Art Commission Chair Stephen Borkowski, left, and Tourism Director Bill Schneider give the Lipton Cup the 'white glove' treatment upon its arrival at the Library.

### The Lipton Cup – A Winner

The Lipton Cup is in its new home! It has emerged from a safe in Town Clerk Doug Johnstone's office, and now stands prominently on the Library's Main Floor.

Thanks to the efforts of Tourism Director **Bill Schneider** and the support of the **Visitor Services Board**, the famed Lipton Cup has been cleaned, polished, and installed in a display case superbly crafted by **Adam Levinson** of Wellfleet.

Also known as the **Fishermen's Cup**, the exquisite silver trophy was offered by Sir Thomas Lipton as a prize in a 39-mile sailing race from Boston to Gloucester in August, 1907. It was awarded to the winner, Captain Marion Perry of the *Rose Dorothea*, a Provincetown-based fishing schooner, along with a \$650 cash prize.

A 66.5-foot half-scale model of the original *Rose* is now the centerpiece of the Children's Library. Crafted over a period of 12 years – from 1977 to 1989 – by a team led by Shipbuilder **Flyer Santos**, it was built into the second floor of what was then the Heritage Museum. Flyer and his team managed to launch a boat in the confines of an indoor world.

The Cup arrived at its new home on February 24. It will be officially welcomed at a community event on June 14, the anniversary date of the Town of Provincetown's incorporation in 1727.

### "Out at the Library" On Tour from San Francisco

A Talk and Reception on Saturday, May 13, 2006, from 4 to 7 pm, at the Library will mark the opening of a traveling panel exhibition, entitled, "Out at the Library". The public is cordially invited to attend.

On loan from the San Francisco Public Library's James C.

Hormel Gay & Lesbian Center, the exhibit will offer a rare look into the Center's collection, demonstrating what archives are and how they ensure the legacy of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities. The Center's Program Manager **Jim Van Buskirk** will speak on "Stewarding the Collections: Ten Years Developing the Center at the SFPL", on May 13 at 4 pm.

Civil War boots, pulp paperbacks, and the appointment book of **Harvey Milk** are a part of the exhibit, which includes reproductions of historic photographs, documents and objects drawn from the archives. The exhibit will be on view at the Library from **May 10 to June 8**.

## Partnership with Monument/Museum

The Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum has had an "off-season" home for exhibits this Fall and Winter at the Library.

Education Program Manager **Laurel Gaudazno** and Curator of Collections **Jeffrey Morris** curated three exhibits from the PMPM Collection – a Valentine's exhibit; an archival display from the J. Michael and Donna Pedro Lennon **Norman Mailer** Archives; and a very special exhibit co-sponsored by **Susan Leonard** and the **Portuguese Festival Committee** that displayed a "Meninho Jesus" that was locally made and more than a century old.

The Library is extremely grateful for this opportunity to establish an exhibition partnership with PMPM – it is a wonderful way to connect with community.

## "The Advocate Live" Online

Excitement rippled through the Library and *The Provincetown Banner* recently, spreading to the community at large when some of *The Advocate* archives went online. Since then, hundreds of individuals have found records of Town history, government, schools, and curiosities available at their finger tips.

In early February, the Library launched "The Advocate Live" on its website [www.ptownlib.com](http://www.ptownlib.com). The years 1918, 1931–1934 and 1936–1937 are currently searchable and, very soon, all available issues published before 1918 will also be loaded.

The database is the result of an intense one-year project to re-microfilm, digitize, and index the Library's issues of *The Provincetown Advocate* newspaper and make them available on the Internet. The database is fully searchable – including the ads – and is printable. Library Staff fondly refer to the database as "Olive" – Olive Software is the user interface software.

The project is the result of collaboration between Library Director **Debra DeJonker-Berry** and her staff; Provincetown Banner Publisher **Alix Ritchie** and Chief Operating Officer **Joan Lenane**; Town volunteers; and the Town's MIS Coordinator **Beau Jackett**.

Library volunteer **Dick Caouette** and Library Intern **Agnes Imecs** were instrumental in the early stages of determining how best to prepare the newspapers for scanning. **Ellen McQuade** of New England Micrographics kept the project on track as she worked with Library Staff to provide newly microfilmed issues of *The Advocate* for preservation and scanning purposes. The staff from the Online Computer Library Center, a nationwide nonprofit that assists libraries and archives, did the prep work for Olive's custom software. MIS Coordinator **Beau Jackett** loaded all the files.

A \$40,000 Library Services and Technology Act Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners produced the sys-

## HOLD THAT DATE!

### ■ Wednesday, May 10 – Tuesday, June 6

"Out at the Library" Exhibit Opens

On loan from the San Francisco Public Library

### ■ Saturday, May 13, 4-7 pm

"Out at the Library" Talk and Reception

"Stewarding the Collections" by Jim Van Buskirk

### ■ Monday, May 15, 7:30 pm

Reading by Norris Church Mailer\*

### ■ Saturday, June 3, 1-4 pm

"Archives on the Road" at the Pilgrim

Monument, Talk by Molly Wheeler, Archivist

### ■ Wednesday, June 14, 11:30 am

Lipton Cup Official Welcome Ceremony

### ■ Lower Level Book Sales

Wednesday-Friday, June 14-16, 1-5 pm

Saturday, June 17, 10 am-2 pm

Sunday, June 18, 1-5 pm

Sponsored by the Friends of the Provincetown Public Library

\* This reading is the final in a "Genius Loci" Author Series sponsored by the Supporters of the Provincetown Public Library and the Wired Puppy. Other readings included Poet Mary Oliver in March and Historian Karen Kraulik in April. In addition, the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies sponsored a four-part Marine Lecture Series in March and April.

tem. Library Director **DeJonker-Berry** was responsible for writing and submitting the proposal that secured the funding.

According to **DeJonker-Berry**, the ultimate goal is to one day load all sorts of old documents, real estate records, and other materials with obvious practical use such as the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, which date back well into the 1800's.

## Alice Joseph Remembered

Two Storyteller chairs have been given in memory of **Alice O'Grady Joseph** by her family and friends. Alice, who started the Children's Story Hour, was beloved as Provincetown's Librarian from 1965 to 1982.

A plaque on a card catalog, which sits between the chairs reads, "Given . . . by her Granddaughter **Gretchen and John Ciluzzi**, and her friends **Lee Ciliberto, Valerie and John Ciluzzi, Miriam Collinson, Ed Peltier**".