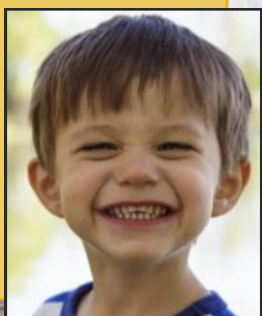


**Connecting, Learning, Sharing...**

***Building on an Ageless Tradition***



**2013  
Annual Report**

**Providence Public Library  
Providence Public Library Foundation**

## PPL Board of Trustees

### Officers

Robert K. Taylor  
*Chair*

William S. Simmons  
*Vice Chair*

Elizabeth Debs  
*Secretary*

Joan M. Caine  
*Treasurer*

Howard E. Walker  
*Assistant Treasurer*

Shaun Buckler  
Samuel Coale  
Julius Kolawole

### Trustees Emeritus

Earl D. Chambers  
Martha P. Sherman

### Trustees Ex Officio

Lincoln D. Chafee  
*Governor of Rhode Island*  
Angel Taveras  
*Mayor of Providence*

### Administrative Staff

Dale Thompson  
*Director*  
Kay Ellen Bullard  
*Assistant Director*  
Carinda S. Palumbo  
*Finance Director*  
Tonia Mason  
*Marketing Director*

# Mission

Providence Public Library inspires lifelong education among all Rhode Islanders, fostering personal fulfillment and enhanced quality of life for an informed, enlightened and engaged citizenry.

# Vision

The Library is both a physical and virtual presence and is the premiere free, personal learning institution in Rhode Island. All ages and backgrounds engage in robust and vigorous lifelong learning, which occurs in ways from delightfully serendipitous to intensely purposeful.

The Library is a committed partner with each individual in meeting their intellectual and cultural goals and with the broader community of learners to achieve an informed, enlightened, and engaged citizenry.



Providence Public Library is a non-profit organization established in 1875 to provide free, public library service to the people of Providence and all Rhode Island. The Library depends primarily on generous private support from individuals, corporations and foundations to achieve our mission.

## From Our Chair and Director

*Sharing our unique resources...*

*Fostering learning experiences...*

When our Renaissance library building opened in 1900, Providence Public Library had already been in operation for 25 years, growing and evolving with its community. Library use had increased continually, forcing it to seek larger quarters. Services had expanded and new ones were developed to meet the community's changing needs. The new building was built for all ages, offering the people of the city and state untold opportunities to pursue and achieve individual goals and dreams. These pursuits continue today.

Over this past year, we celebrated the Library's ongoing promise to be a critical destination for learners from all walks of life. With the restoration of our magnificent historic library building and ongoing upgrades throughout our entire library, we have not only reinvested in our distinctive place, but also re-emphasized our commitment to sharing it and all of the Library's unique resources. Moreover, we have received the community's deep appreciation for the library building and what it represents, as well as the services the Library provides to aspiring learners throughout Providence and all Rhode Island.

The Library continues to be here meeting individuals' learning needs, from the parents, grandparents and families who visit our *Chace Children's Discovery Library* to nurture a love of books and reading in their young children, to the extremely motivated adult learners who find the Library's programs tailored to their education goals. We regularly welcome researchers of all ages, whether they are on a personal information quest or seeking to uncover and re-tell the great stories held within our Rhode Island Collection. We see the Library's work come alive every day for lifelong learners whose exploration of and fascination with their discoveries in our Special Collections, in turn, help us to share the wonders there in new and exciting ways. Their pursuits embody our mission and inspire our greater purpose.

In this report, we celebrate some of our accomplishments during the last year. But, more importantly, we are pleased to share the experiences and achievements of some of the many who we have had the pleasure to meet and with whom we have had the opportunity to work.

*Building for the ages...*



Robert K. Taylor  
*Chair*



Dale Thompson  
*Director*

# Remembering Time Spent...

## PPL's Chace Children's Discovery Library



### Re-connecting and Sharing...

I brought my son Luke to many story times last summer during our stay in Providence, while my husband was playing baseball for the Pawtucket Red Sox. Luke was around 18 months old and I was pregnant. I have felt compelled to write you on numerous occasions to commend you and the **Chace Children's Discovery Library** for exceptional programs and atmosphere for children.

We've been to many libraries throughout our travels, including in Chicago, Tampa, San Diego and Western New York. In our opinion, the Children's Discovery Library far exceeds the standard we have experienced elsewhere.



We appreciated the partitioned, warm and welcoming room designated for children. It is inviting and makes for an easeful introduction to the library experience, for an otherwise oblivious toddler. The array of educational and engaging toys offered is unique. Designating time for open play prior to reading is really beneficial to better captivate them for the stories and songs. Also, the short duration of both books and songs (which they identify with) seems remarkably successful.

We especially appreciated the variety and abundance in scheduling of story times, which we found to be flexible and family-friendly, as well as the fact that they are rather continuous between the 8-week sessions (without long breaks).

And, of course, we found you to be very warm, personable and appropriately engaging with the kids. Also important to us was how understanding, calm and patient you are with toddlers as they are learning the etiquette of group settings. I wanted to share this all with you and touch on the points that make your children's library extraordinary, based on the experience in our vast travels!

**Logan Germano**

**Dear Ms. Anne,**

We cannot adequately express our appreciation for such a wonderful library program AND librarian. You have truly made our experience here special and Crosby has grown and learned so much because of you. You are VERY, VERY special! Thank you for everything – we will miss you tremendously!

**Natalie & Crosby**





(l-r) PPL NEDP students Delmi Gutierrez and Francisca Polanco Navedo.

## Achieving Goals...at the Library

### Demonstrating Literacy and Learning

Based at Providence Public Library (PPL), the Rhode Island Family Literacy Initiative (RIFLI) is a free, nationally recognized program offering English as a Second Language (ESL), citizenship preparation, workforce development, and family literacy services at public libraries throughout Rhode Island.

In its continuing efforts to evolve its services and meet our diverse community's literacy and learning needs, RIFLI this year launched the National External Diploma Program (NEDP) at PPL and Pawtucket Public Library. Providing a unique way for adult ESL speakers to earn a high school diploma, the program allows participants to demonstrate their high school level skills by applying their life experiences in real-life situations. Unlike a GED certificate, those completing the NEDP receive an actual high school diploma, which is recognized by employers and accepted by institutions of higher learning.

This year, 11 students – three at PPL – completed RIFLI's first-ever NEDP classes, successfully demonstrating 64 life competencies with 100 percent accuracy. PPL's students have all taken next steps toward their goals. Tina Fang, one of the Library's first Discovery Guides, continues as a volunteer Teacher for RIFLI's Beginner ESL class at Cranston's Auburn Library. Francisca Polanco Navedo was selected as an Americorps member with Ready2Learn Providence and is serving at the Knight Memorial Library in Providence. Delmi Gutierrez is working as a PPL Discovery Guide and is planning to attend the Child Development program at CCRI in January.

*Getting a high school diploma in the United States has really improved my English. Now I feel more confident when I help my daughters with their school work or meet with their teachers.*  
Tina Fang

*My high school diploma will give me the opportunity to get into college. I want to study early childhood education so I can work with kids in the future. My experience working as a PPL Discovery Guide this year has confirmed my love of working with children.*

Delmi Gutierrez

*After sacrificing for years to make sure my kids got a good education, I decided it was my turn. Now that I have my High School Diploma, I can move forward with plans to start my own event planning business.*

Francisca Polanco Navedo



RIFLI instructor Sheryl Lehane with NEDP student Tina Fang.

## Researching and Sharing... PPL's Rhode Island Collection

### Revealing a Glimpse of a Community's History

When recent Clark University graduate Carolina Buitrago was hired as an intern by the Olneyville Housing Corporation (OHC) to help produce an historical exhibit to commemorate the Corporation's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014, she turned to Providence Public Library's Rhode Island Collection in her search for primary sources.



Focused on three main topic areas: Olneyville's industrial heritage, artistic pioneering, and immigrant experiences, the exhibit would ultimately consist of photographs and short clips from recorded interviews of 25 community members of varied backgrounds and ages. It would also feature a brief history of Olneyville, including photos, newspaper clippings, maps and other printed material from the Library's Rhode Island Collection.

"Working on this exhibit was a wonderful learning experience for me. I enjoyed speaking with so many people and getting their unique perspectives living and working in Olneyville – some all their lives – and then researching the printed materials in the Library's collection and being able to relate it all to everything I was hearing about. The visuals all add so much and I believe will give people a true sense of what the community looked like over the decades and how everything has progressed as they listen to peoples' accounts of their lives and experiences."

As yet unnamed, the OHC's exhibit will be displayed in galleries in Olneyville and at a planned gala during 2014.

### Digging Into History at PPL...Finding Some Great Stories to Tell

George Pearson is a retired Providence Police detective with a degree in History from Merrimack College and a passion for digging into local storehouses of the past. Over this year, he has been working, along with Providence Police Chief Hugh Clements, retired Captain John Glancy, and Providence City Hall Archivist Paul Campbell, on researching and compiling photographs and information for a local history book on the Providence Police Department. To be published by Arcadia Publishing, it will commemorate of the Department's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014.



"This project has given me the chance to pursue my love of history in one of my favorite places – the Library," says George, who served as a Providence Police detective from 1987 to 2004. "I've been able to do research and tell some great stories...which is really what history is all about! I've always enjoyed coming here and working with the tremendous resources, as well as the helpful librarians. The Library's Rhode Island Collection with its images and historical materials, the card catalog, and the microfilm of the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, has been an invaluable source of information for us."

## Exploring and Building...PPL's Special Collections

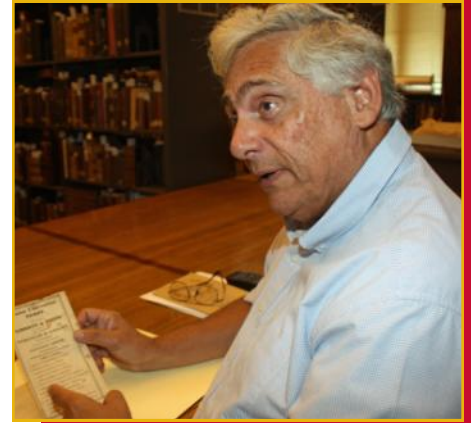
### Researching and Re-telling the Whole Story

For retired mathematician Russell DeSimone, of Middletown, coming to the Library is like coming home. He admits being an avid library user and bibliophile, ever since visiting regularly as a boy with his mother.

As a lover of history, Russell has always been drawn to PPL's Special Collections, befriending the librarians as he delved into his own "personal research." Of late, Russell has been focused on two of his favorite topics – Thomas Dorr and the Dorr Rebellion and Rhode Island's political history, in particular its early election system and distinction as the first state to utilize printed election ballots. Working with the Library collections, he has not only been able to further explore these ongoing projects, but also publish his findings for fellow bibliophiles.

Happily for Russell, his recent study of a personal diary from 1841 in the Collections yielded another eye-opening perspective on the Dorr Rebellion and led to his penning of an edition of the department's quarterly *Occasional Nuggets* – "EYEWITNESS TO REBELLION, Excerpts from the Journal of Benjamin C. Townsend," along with a full transcript of the journal to be shared online.

Also, Russell's continuing work on his online database – *A Survey of Rhode Island Election Tickets*, published with co-compiler Dan Schofield in 2007 on URI's Digital Commons, will be updated to include ballots from PPL's collections.



*"I've visited libraries throughout this country and Europe, but there is a special place in my heart for this library and its special collections," recalls Russell on a recent trip. "As a kid, I read my way through the shelves, working my way up here."*

### Building on a Vision...The Whale Guitar



*"We see our project as a confluence of old and new, art and technology. We also hope The Whale Guitar will serve to highlight the importance of conservation and preservation in our increasingly disposable society with proceeds from it being played worldwide aiding whale causes."*

When Providence residents Jen Long and Rachel Rosenkrantz-Riemer, both industrial designers and musicians, met four years ago while on a whale watch, they could hardly imagine the remarkable journey they would embark upon together. Soon after, Jen's fascination with Herman Melville's *Moby Dick* became the inspiration for a unique building project – **The Whale Guitar**.

The incredible joint venture would ultimately involve several other artists, including Warren artist William Schaff, who led Jen and Rachel to Providence Public Library's

Special Collections department to view the scrimshaw and log books within the Nicholson Whaling Collection for help with whale and whaling imagery.

Over this year, they have been busily building their guitar – taking care to utilize cast-off materials – and incorporating elements found throughout their study of whales and their plight, which continues today. As The Whale Guitar comes to life, so too has the artists' vision for its ultimate purpose...as a vehicle for awareness and aid, as well as a representation of their beliefs in conservation and preservation.

# Connecting, Learning and Sharing...at the Library

## Lifelong Learning

More than **150,000** visitors walked through our doors this year, many receiving direct expert service from our Children's, Reference and Circulation staffs, the Rhode Island and Special Collections librarians, or through attendance at programs such as films, author talks, lectures and more.

Nearly **10,000** adults and children attended varied learning programs and activities throughout the year.

Patrons statewide and beyond utilized a total of **347,269** Library resources and materials.



As part of the Library's Irish Culture Program Series, we welcomed The Kelly School of Irish Dance.

**Reading, Singing, Dancing...**programs and events of all kinds took place at the Library this year. In addition to our usual complement of book clubs, writing groups and author visits, lifelong learning programs spanned the spectrum – from music events for all ages, to field trips to nearby museums, to varied film screenings and discussion series.

Our building renovations did not keep our devoted History Hijinks or Brown Bag Book Clubs from meeting regularly throughout the year. Similarly, the HiFi (Historical Fiction) Writing Collaborative continued their meetings, alternating between PPL and the Providence Athenaeum. We even added new business and lifestyle technology program offerings to an expanded schedule of computer classes, and our popular Small Business Workshops, presented in conjunction with RI SCORE, were offered in the spring and fall.

We continued long-running relationships with a number of partner organizations to offer ongoing popular learning programs and also worked with some individuals and groups for the first time to bring dynamic new programs and events to the Library.

In a celebration of motherhood, we were happy to host the inaugural **Listen To Your Mother: Providence** event on May 4, 2013.

Our auditorium was filled with those who

came to be taken on an amazing storytelling journey by a cast of 16 mothers!

In June, we hosted an outstanding evening of poetry: *The Loft Anthology: New England Poetry and Art*, The Poetry Loft's 2013 reading and awards celebration.



Award-winning composer and musical director Clarice Thompson performed in our Grand Hall during our *America's Music* concert series





We held a number of collaborative program series, including a *Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War*, a five-part reading and discussion series developed by the American Library Association and National Endowment for the Humanities with local support by the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities. We partnered with Cranston and East Providence Public Libraries with more than 100 participating from the three libraries.



**Above: Listen to Your Mother: Providence** audience members got a great show. **Below:** We welcomed the Fulbright Scholars in March for research using our Special Collections. **Bottom:** The long-running HiFi Writers continued their regular meetings at PPL throughout the year.

We worked with Rhode Island College for a second year to present the Global Lens Film Screening & Discussion series of international feature films selected for their authentic voice, strong cinematics, and unique cultural perspectives.

PPL was one of only 50 sites nationwide to host **America's Music**, a six-week program series featuring documentary film screenings and scholar-led discussions on 20th century American popular music. The Library also sponsored four free concerts.

We took to the road this year with two separate programs series. During the fall, a field trip to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston capped off a month of book and author programs focused on the historic art heist, while a spring program series on the China trade included a visit from *When America Met China* author Eric Jay Dolin, a presentation on *Silken Webs* by Madelyn Shaw, and a field trip to the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass.



We celebrated Ireland throughout the year with programs highlighting our Potter and Williams Collection on Irish Culture and visits from speakers and performers.

Families were kept busy this year with a full schedule of Summer Reading activities and programs, Bright Night performances, and monthly Sunday Family Learning programs, in addition to an expanded schedule of early childhood learning programs. We welcomed nearly 6,800 children and families to early childhood, youth and family learning programs throughout the year.



**The Hispanic Flamenco Ballet** performed on our Auditorium Stage in November.



## Early Childhood Services

A total of **3,048** children attended **362** in-library pre-school programs while Library staff made **294** visits to **1,322** children in agency and home child care.

Our popular *Cradle to Crayons* programs increased to **161** with a total of **2,459** children and adults attending.

## Literacy Services

Of the **191** adults and **25** children served by RIFLI this year, **48** students became citizens, **30** obtained jobs and **29** entered a training or postsecondary program.

## Information Services

Our librarians helped **28,610** patrons with reference questions.

Visitors came to our Web site **292,483** times and viewed **639,287** pages.

Our Special Collections blog received **17,063** visits.

We welcomed **409** participants in **63** computer training classes.

Patrons used our **22** public computer workstations **40,277** times.

## Volunteer Services

Our many volunteers, including our PPL and PPL Foundation trustees, committee members, and a diverse group of dedicated individuals, contributed **1,795** hours this year.

# Fiscal Year 2013

## Statement of Revenue & Expenses from Operations July 1, 2012 — June 30, 2013 (unaudited)

### REVENUE

#### Public Funds

State of RI – Grant in Aid	\$ 439,219
City of Providence – Building Lease	250,000

#### Private Funds

Contribution from Endowment	1,689,570
Program Grants & Donations (Restricted)	1,223,907
Fees, Fines & Other	229,935
Donations (Unrestricted)	135,973
<b>Subtotal Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,968,604</b>

### EXPENSES

Salaries	\$ 1,659,774
Benefits	663,674
Books, Databases & Materials	126,297
Library Supplies	70,001
Facility Maintenance	73,056
General & Administrative	418,288
Utilities	149,903
Security Services	1,403
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,162,396</b>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 806,208

*Note: Library Revenue Program Grants & Donations (Restricted) includes \$568,970 and Other Revenue includes \$58,652 of previously reported revenue reserved and expended during FY2013. \$762,998 of Donations (Restricted) and \$49,158 of Other Revenue supported FY2013 building renovations. Library Revenue Program Grants also includes \$46,500 of revenue reserved for FY2014.*



Above: PPL's History Hijinks Book Club met throughout the year. Right: PPL technology trainer Ben Leveillee taught a number of newly Lifestyle Technology classes this year.

# Providence Public Library Foundation

Providence Public Library Foundation seeks to ensure continued excellence in library services for the Providence Public Library community by providing private funding to enhance programs and services.

## Mission

### From Our Chair

This year has been extremely successful and exhilarating for Providence Public Library and the PPL Foundation alike. We are gratified to have had support from all corners of the community during and following the completion of the restorations of the Library's 1900 building.

This support and that which we continue to receive during our ongoing \$4 million "Opening Doors" campaign will enable us to strengthen our 138-year-old Library as a significant and enduring personal learning institution for all Rhode Islanders.

With the events of this year, our library has grown as a destination. Through our investment in our historic building and ongoing partnership with Russell Morin Fine Catering, we are witnessing a revitalization of our treasured library. Thousands of guests have made their way to our doors for special events, meetings and other gatherings, many of whom may not ordinarily get to visit and experience what our library has to offer. We have been especially excited to welcome these and all Rhode Islanders, as well as visitors from out of state, and to have had the chance to showcase and share the Library's distinctive features and unique resources in new ways.

We look forward to welcoming newcomers to our library, and even more importantly, to the ongoing pursuit of our critical mission of serving all lifelong learners who make our library a vital destination.



Kathleen C. Hittner, MD

### PPL Foundation Board of Trustees

#### Officers

Kathleen C. Hittner, MD  
*Chair*  
Howard E. Walker, Esq.  
*Vice Chair*  
Joan M. Caine  
*Treasurer*  
Mary B. Olenn  
*Secretary*

Elizabeth A. Debs  
Karen DelPonte, Esq.  
Bradford Dimeo  
Robert W. Edwards, Esq.  
Robert G. Flanders, Esq.  
Evan Granoff  
Diane Iannuccilli  
Edward Iannuccilli, MD  
Artemis Joukowsky  
William S. Simmons

#### Trustee Ex-Officio

Maureen McDonald  
*Conservator Society Chair*

## Fiscal Year 2013

### PPL Foundation Sources of Philanthropy Revenues July 1, 2012 — June 30, 2013 (unaudited)

Program Grants & Donations (Restricted)	\$ 651,457
Annual Appeal & Gala (Unrestricted)	206,398
Endowment Funds & Bequests	300
<b>TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED</b>	<b>\$ 858,155</b>

*NOTE: The Providence Public Library Foundation's endowment contributed \$1,689,570 to Providence Public Library's FY2013 operating budget.*

# Celebrating, Honoring and Sharing...

## Opening Doors

We thank the following donors to Providence Public Library's ongoing **Opening Doors** Campaign:

Amica Companies Foundation  
Anonymous  
Bank Rhode Island  
Mr. Frederick Buhler and  
Ms. Dale Thompson  
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick M. Caine  
The Champlin Foundations  
Ms. Elizabeth Debs and  
Mr. Stephen Turner  
Ms. Karen DelPonte  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert DiMuccio  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W.  
Edwards, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Evan Granoff  
Estate of Mr. Frederick R.  
Griffiths  
Mr. Barry Hittner and  
Dr. Kathleen C. Hittner  
Dr. and Mrs. Edward  
Iannuccilli  
Interstate Electrical Services,  
Corp.  
David C. Isenberg Family  
Foundation  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Milot  
The Murray Family Charitable  
Foundation  
National Grid – Rhode Island  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Renn Olenn  
Peregrine Mechanical  
The Providence Journal  
Charitable Fund  
Providence Revolving Fund  
George M. and Barbara H.  
Sage Fund, recommended  
by Ms. Anne F. Sage  
Mr. and Mrs. James R.  
Schomer  
Mrs. Martha P. Sherman  
W. F. Shea and Company  
Ed Wojcik Architect, LTD

## Opening Doors — Sharing Our Spaces

### *A Night to Shine*

On the very memorable evening of April 12, 2013, we welcomed supporters and friends to *A Night to Shine* – when we formally revealed our beautifully restored Renaissance building. The gala benefited the Library's important educational and cultural role in the Rhode Island community and also provided the perfect opportunity to share our unique and exquisite spaces, mark the beginning of a new chapter in our history, and celebrate the renowned hospitality of our partner Russell Morin Fine Catering. Guests and sponsors helped us raise \$59,000.

### Inaugural Enlightenment Awards

During this special occasion, we also honored two exceptional and long-time Library benefactors – Martha P. Sherman and *The Providence Journal* ~ Howard Sutton – with the presentation of our inaugural Enlightenment Award.

The Enlightenment Award is presented to those who have demonstrated their commitment to and passion for the mission of the Providence Public Library, the ideals exemplified by a life of learning, and the value and importance not only of knowledge itself, but of the *sharing* of that knowledge. The award embodies the belief that knowledge must light our way.

We honored Martha P. Sherman, Trustee Emerita, for her unparalleled legacy of library service – a legacy which includes extremely generous personal commitment and financial support. Mrs. Sherman has a long history of working for the betterment of libraries throughout Rhode Island and has shown a deep love and loyalty to Providence Public Library. Since 1958, she has exhibited an unwavering vision and inspiration, dedicating herself to strengthening the Library's role as an intellectual forum and educational and cultural center in the community.

We recognized and honored *The Providence Journal* and Publisher Howard Sutton for carrying on what has been a tradition of partnership and support dating back to the Library's founding between the Journal and the Library to promote a literate, educated community. It was particularly fitting that we honor *The Providence Journal* and Mr. Sutton upon a commitment to the Library's Opening Doors Capital Campaign which designates our new room showcasing the Library's Rhode Island Collection as the Providence Journal Rhode Island Room.



Inaugural Enlightenment Award recipients Martha Sherman and *The Providence Journal*'s Howard Sutton.

# Support

Each year countless volunteers, donors and organizations collaborate with and contribute their invaluable time and talent to the Library and their community. The Providence Public Library Foundation and Providence Public Library recognize and thank these and all Fiscal Year 2013 supporters and donors whose contributions ensure that the Library continues in its mission as a vibrant and vital resource providing lifelong learning opportunities to all Rhode Island residents.

## Annual Fund Donors

### 500,000+

The Champlin Foundations\*

### 100,000+

Providence Journal Company\*  
Rhode Island Department of  
Education

### 50,000+

Amica Companies Foundation  
Mr. Frederick R. Griffiths†  
Mr. David C. Isenberg  
Mrs. Martha Sherman

### 25,000+

Ms. Erin Chace  
Mr. Malcolm Chace  
Ms. Elizabeth A. Debs and  
Mr. Stephen Turner  
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Granoff\*  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Milot  
Mabel Woolley Trust†

### 10,000+

Bank of America  
Bank Rhode Island  
Ms. Karen DelPonte  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W.  
Edwards, Jr.  
June Rockwell Levy Foundation  
National Grid - Rhode Island  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul C.  
Nicholson, Jr.\*  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Renn Olenn\*  
Joseph and Rosalyn Sinclair  
Foundation, Inc.

### 5,000+

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Caine  
Dimeo Construction Company  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert DiMuccio  
Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP  
Mr. Barry Hittner and  
Dr. Kathleen C. Hittner  
Dr. and Mrs. Edward Iannuccilli\*  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman E.  
McCulloch, Jr.\*  
Dr. and Mrs. Charles J.  
McDonald\*  
Parson's Capital  
Management, Inc.  
Providence Revolving Fund  
The Edward J. and Virginia M.  
Routhier Foundation\*

### 2,500+

Citizens Bank Foundation  
Mr. and Mrs. Brad Dimeo\*  
Norman and Rosalie Fain Fund  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faulkner\*  
Lifespan  
Dr. and Mrs. Philip G.  
Maddock  
Mary Dexter Chafee Fund  
Mrs. W. Sayles Nicholson\* †  
Nordson Corporation  
Foundation  
Roger Williams University  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard E.  
Walker\*

### 1,000+

Ms. Joan T. Boghossian  
Mr. Leon Boghossian  
Mr. Frederick Buhler and  
Ms. Dale Thompson\*  
Mrs. Harriet Chafee  
Ms. Catherine Channell\*  
Dr. Joseph A. Chazan\*  
Chestnut Hill Realty  
Mr. Joel H. Cohen and  
Ms. Andrea E. Toon  
Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Davis\*  
designLAB Architects  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Dimeo  
Ed Wojcik Architech, Ltd.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Fain  
Hon. and Mrs. Robert G.  
Flanders  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Flynn  
Mr. and Mrs. Evan Granoff  
GTECH Corporation  
Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hall\*  
Mrs. Jocelin Hamblett  
Dr. and Mrs. Melvin  
Hershkowitz\*  
Hope Charitable Foundation  
Interstate Electrical Services,  
Corp.  
Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co., Ltd.  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley  
Livingston, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, III

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Mason, Jr.  
Dr. Dennis McCool and  
Ms. Jacqueline Savoie  
Ms. Ruth Mullen  
The Murray Family Charitable  
Foundation  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Schwartz  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Sharpe, Jr.  
Mr. Daniel G. Siegel\*  
Pearle W. and Martin M.  
Silverstein Foundation\*  
Rhode Island Foundation\*  
Mr. and Mrs. William Simmons  
Mr. and Mrs. Joel N. Stark\*  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Szostak  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Taylor\*  
Ms. Cheryl Greenfeld Teverow  
Mr. and Mrs. Roger A.  
Vandenberg\*  
W.F. Shea and Company  
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Weisberg  
The White Family Foundation

### 500+

Gifts Anonymous  
Mr. Shaun Buckler  
Mr. Shawn Buckless  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Chafee  
Ms. Lisa Churchville  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Crivellone  
Dr. Gary Frishman and  
Ms. Meredith Curren  
General and Mrs. James J.  
D'Agostino\*  
Dr. Joseph and Dr. Sally Dowling  
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Friedman  
Ms. Natalie C. Joslin  
Mr. John Loerke and  
Ms. Marie Langlois  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lappin  
Hon. and Mrs. Ronald K. Machtley  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mauran, III  
Mrs. Louise Mauran  
Mrs. Vera Metcalf  
Peregrine Mechanical  
Mr. and Mrs. William Piccerelli  
Mr. Daniel Prentiss\*  
Juanita Sanchez Community Fund

Mrs. Lila M. Sapinsley  
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sheldon  
Mr. and Mrs. Deming E.  
Sherman  
Mr. Edwin F. Sherman and  
Ms. Sheryl Ash  
Mr. Robert S. Sherman and  
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Swerz  
Mr. and Mrs. Shivan S.  
Subramaniam  
Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood  
Willard\*

### 250+

Dr. and Mrs. William  
Braden, III\*  
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cataudella  
Mr. Samuel C. Coale  
Dr. and Mrs. William Colaiace  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collis  
Mr. and Mrs. Murray S.  
Danforth, III  
Mr. Barnaby Evans  
Ms. Jane E. Fleury  
Forman Family Charitable Trust  
Mr. Jack Fracasso and  
Ms. Lita Orefice  
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew W.  
Galbraith\*  
Mr. and Mrs. David L. Hilderley\*  
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Kingsley  
Mr. and Mrs. George Knight  
Mr. Mark Dana and  
Ms. Dyana Koelsch  
Mr. Julius Kolawole  
Mr. and Mrs. Eliot F. Parkhurst  
Mr. and Mrs. Carmine Rao  
Mrs. Marcia Riesman  
Ms. Lucy Rossi  
Starkweather & Shepley  
Insurance Brokerage, Inc.  
Ms. Loretta Tharp  
Washington Trust Company  
Mr. Matthew F. Wilson  
Drs. Richard and Barbara Wong

## 100+

Dr. and Mrs. Levi C. Adams  
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Alperin  
Mayor Scott Avedisian  
Mr. Robert B. Bates\*  
Ms. Louise Beattie  
Benny's Inc.\*  
Dr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Brannon  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Browder  
Mrs. Phyllis Brown  
Mr. Thomas Bryson  
Mrs. Helge-Caj Butler  
Mr. and Mrs. David E. Cane  
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J.  
Chisholm\*  
Mr. Robert J. Clayton and  
Dr. Jessica Swedlow  
Mr. Harold L. Cohen  
Mr. Richard Cohn  
Mr. and Mrs. John Colton  
Mr. and Mrs. John Connor  
Mr. Leon N. Cooper\*  
Drs. James Crowley and  
Carol Crowley  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dacey  
Mr. Gerald R. De Schepper\*  
Mr. and Mrs. John Deal  
Ms. Jane A. Desforges and  
Mr. Michael J. White  
Col. Brendan P. Doherty  
Ms. Josephine DuBiel  
Mrs. Jean Edwards  
Mr. Peter D. Eimas and  
Ms. Joanne L. Miller\*  
Mr. Luigi T. Fiore  
Mr. and Mrs. David L. Fredman  
Mr. Nicholas P. Geanacou  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gralnek  
Mr. and Mrs. Marc A. Greenfield  
Ms. Linda Grimes  
Mrs. Helen Grossman\*  
Mr. James Hagerty  
Mr. Steven Hamburg and  
Ms. Sarah A. Barker  
Ms. Nancy V. A. Hansen  
Mr. Thomas Heffernan and  
Ms. Roberta Capuano  
Mr. and Mrs. David Hirsch  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hirsch  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Hollmann  
Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Jaffe  
Ms. Kala Joblon  
Mr. Colin Kane  
Kane-Barrengos Foundation  
Mr. Brandon Keough  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Landis\*  
Mrs. Janice Libby  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce MacLeod  
Mr. Michael D. Marcaccio\*

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. McNally  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moulton\*  
Ms. Roberta J. Mulholland and  
Mr. William Browning  
Mr. and Mrs. James Nagle\*  
Ms. Cindy Opaluch  
Providence Preservation Society  
Ms. Judith Queen  
Mr. Kurt A. Raaflaub and  
Ms. Deborah Boedeker  
Mr. and Mrs. Ned Rasmussen  
Mr. and Mrs. James Reavis  
Restivo Monacelli, LLP  
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Richardson  
Dr. Wilma Rosen  
Dr. Sharon I. S. Rounds  
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent E. Russo\*  
Ms. Soren Ryherd  
Charles and Donald Salmanson  
Foundation\*  
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider  
Mr. Jeffery Schreck and  
Ms. Nancy K. Cassidy  
Mr. and Mrs. George M. Seidel\*  
Mr. Richard D. Sherman  
Ms. Meera Simoes  
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Skenyon  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spadazzi\*  
Dr. and Mrs. Karl Stephens  
Mr. Steven Subotnick and Ms.  
Amy Kravitz  
Ms. Joanna Susin  
Deborah M. Tate, Esq.  
Miss Abigail B. Test  
Mr. Daniel Varin  
Mr. and Mrs. George M.  
Vetter, Jr.\*  
Mr. John W. Wall†  
The Honorable and  
Mrs. Joseph Weisberger  
The Honorable Samuel Zurier\*

## 50+

Gifts Anonymous  
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley S. Alpert  
Mr. Daniel Baudouin  
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Biasuzzi  
Mr. and Mrs. Derek Bradford\*  
Mrs. Lola M. Buonanno  
Ms. Sandra Campo\*  
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Carpenter

Mr. Robert D. Chorney  
Mrs. Edda Cleri  
Mr. Michael J. Colucci  
Mr. and Mrs. John J. Curtin, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Davis  
Ms. Pauline M. Della Ventura  
Mr. Oscar A. DeLong  
Dr. and Mrs. Michael DiMaio  
Mr. John Duhamel  
Mr. and Mrs. Sanford M. Fern  
Ms. Helen Flynn  
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Flynn  
Mr. William Foulkes and  
Mrs. Helena Buonanno Foulkes  
Ms. Amy K. Frazer  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Galkin\*  
Ms. Alexandra Hahn  
Dr. and Mrs. Milton W. Hamolsky  
Ms. Patricia A. Hogan  
Dr. and Ms. Harold Horwitz  
Mr. Leo G. Hutchings\*  
Ms. Muriel Jobbers  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith N. Johnson\*  
Mrs. Lynn Kelly  
Mr. Joseph F. Knapp  
Mrs. Anne Krause  
Ms. Julie Latessa  
Ms. Ruth Marks  
Ms. Emily Marotti\*  
Mr. Bryce G. Marshall  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. McClure  
Mr. Ronald K. Nelson  
Ms. Susan M. Pacheco  
Ms. Lynne Prodger  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Roberts\*  
Mr. David A. Rourke  
Ms. Gertrude C. Santos  
Mr. Michael B. Scanlon\*  
Mr. and Mrs. James R. Schomer  
Ms. Hinda P. Semonoff  
Mr. Jonathan Sharlin and  
Ms. Olivia B. McCullough  
Mr. Bruce A. Shaw and  
Dr. Judith Shaw  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sherlock

Ms. Priscilla Shube\*  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Simon  
Ms. Judith Tannenbaum\*  
Ms. Jane K. Thompson  
Ms. Susan Vancura  
Mr. J. Scott Wolf and  
Ms. Joyce P. Krabach  
Mr. David C. Woolman\*

\* Reflects giving over 5 or more consecutive years.

† Deceased

*This list reflects the generous support of our donors from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Some gifts may include an employer's match. Multiyear pledges are listed in full in the year they are made; annual payments are reflected in the list above. We make every effort to produce accurate lists. We apologize if we have misspelled or omitted a name.*

Please remember Providence Public Library during the United Way campaign. To donate, simply write *Providence Public Library* in the space provided for donor option on the United Way form.

Planned Giving is an integral part of ensuring Providence Public Library's excellence for generations to come. When arranging your financial or estate plan, we hope you will consider the Library.

Children and families enjoyed the magic of Bjorn the Magician.



## Gifts in Honor or Memoriam

---

### **In Memory of Anil Ambekar**

Ms. Meera Simoes

### **In Memory of Anna DeLuca**

Ms. Silicia DeBellis

### **In Honor of Bob & Pam Faulkner**

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Gralnek

### **In Memory of Louis P. Filippelli**

Ms. Julie Latessa

### **In Honor of Barry Hittner &**

### **Dr. Kathleen C. Hittner**

Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Jaffe

### **In Memory of Grandma Kean**

Mr. David A. Rourke

### **In Memory of Liebe Kravitz**

### **In Memory of Miriam Kravitz**

Mr. Steven Subotnick & Ms. Amy Kravitz

### **In Honor of Judith Leddy**

Ms. Susan M. Pacheco

### **In Memory of Lillian Medas**

Ms. Jane E. Fleury

### **In Memory of James McCann Melton**

Mr. & Mrs. Herman E. Melton

### **In Memory of Williams S. Morris**

Ms. Loretta Tharp

### **In Memory of Barbara Naylor**

Ms. Julie Latessa

### **In Memory of Jennifer Riley**

Mr. & Mrs. David L. Fredman

### **In Memory of Nina Salter**

Mr. Thomas Heffernan &

Ms. Roberta Capuano

### **In Memory of Matthew W. Shepard**

Mr. Andrew M. Dellorfano

### **In Memory of Clarence Sherman**

Mr. & Mrs. Ned Rasmussen

Mr. Richard D. Sherman

### **In Honor of Martha P. Sherman**

Mrs. Phyllis Brown

Mrs. Anne Krause

Mrs. Vera Metcalf

Mrs. Charles Samdperil

Dr. & Mrs. Karl Stephens

### **In Memory of Stuart Sherman**

Mr. & Mrs. Ned Rasmussen

### **In Honor of Hannah & Naomi Subotnick**

Mr. Steven Subotnick & Ms. Amy Kravitz

### **In Honor of Howard and Kim Sutton**

Mr. & Mrs. Ned Rasmussen

### **In Honor of Andy Thompson & Loren Brigham**

Ms. Jane K. Thompson

### **In Memory of Richard J. Walton**

Anonymous

## Established and Endowed Book Funds

---

Douglas Duffee Brown Memorial Fund

Henry S. Chafee Book Fund

Children's Book Fund

The Children's Fund

Foster B. Davis, Jr. Fund

James Philip Deery Fund

Sylvan R. & Helen Forman Endowment

Edna Frazier Memorial Collection

The Gebhard Fund

Griffiths Family Book Fund

Anne W. Handley Book Fund

David Henderson Memorial

Hershkowitz Fund

William G. Hornby Book Fund

Peter Kaplan Memorial Book Fund

Kenney Book Fund

Kestin and Drabienko Book Fund

Johanne Killeen and

George Germon Book Fund

Debra Joy Littman Fund

Sarah S. & Nathaniel Major Fund

Vincent P. & Lucy Marcaccio Fund

Nicholson Whaling Collection

Olenn Family Fund

Donald I. Perry Book Fund

Lincoln W. N. Pratt Memorial Fund

Mary J. Reopell Memorial Fund

Michelina Rizzo Fund

Martha Sherman Book Fund

Sheldon & Gladys Sollosy Book Fund

West DeRocco Woolley Book Fund

## Lyra Brown Nickerson Society

*The Lyra Brown Nickerson Society recognizes our friends who have included the Providence Public Library in their estate plans through bequests, trusts or other similar gift arrangements. Through their long-term commitment, these good friends help ensure the continued pre-eminence of the Library in our community.*

### Anonymous (4)

Mrs. Elliott E. Andrews

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Bert

Mrs. Edith G. Chisholm

Mr. Foster B. Davis, Jr.\*

Ms. Rose DiLello

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Edwards, Jr.

Mrs. Knight Edwards

Mrs. Helen Forman\*

Mrs. Wanda Frazier-Blake and

Mr. Kenneth Blake

Mr. Frederick R. Griffiths\*

Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Hershkowitz

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Hilderley

Mrs. Doris J. Hornby\*

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Levine

Mrs. Elizabeth Lisle\*

Ms. Natalie S. Major

Dr. and Mrs. Charles J. McDonald

Miss Kathryn McGarry

Mr. John T. McKenna

Ms. Ruth Mullen

Ms. Rosemary Murphy

Mrs. W. Sayles Nicholson\*

Mrs. Rosemary O'Donnell

Mr. and Mrs. J. Renn Olenn

Mrs. Mary Pratt

Mrs. Martha Sherman

Mr. and Mrs. Joel N. Stark

Ms. Polly Strasmich

Mr. James K. Sunshine

Ms. Dale Thompson and

Mr. Frederick Buhler

Ms. Christine Townsend

Mr. James Verde

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Walker

Mrs. Ruth N. Whitford

Mr. J. Scott Wolf and

Ms. Joyce P. Krabach

Mabel Woolley Trust

Ms. Priscilla Wormwood

*\*Deceased*

## Providence Public Library Foundation Conservator Society

Donors of \$1000 or more to the Annual Fund receive recognition as members of *The Conservator Society of Providence Public Library Foundation*, Providence Public Library's major donor society. These generous private donors — individuals, organizations, corporations, and foundations — have long recognized the community's need for lifelong learning opportunities and have continually ensured that the Library achieves its mission of providing free access to information and learning to residents of Providence and all of Rhode Island. Society members gather regularly and often have the opportunity to meet local as well as nationally recognized authors and other celebrated artists.

For information on becoming a member of *The Conservator Society*, please contact Nancy Ponte at 401-455-8003 or email [nponte@provlb.org](mailto:nponte@provlb.org).

Ms. Joan T. Boghossian

Mr. Leon Boghossian

Mr. Frederick Buhler and

Ms. Dale Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Caine

Ms. Erin Chace

Mr. Malcolm Chace

Mrs. William G. Chafee

Ms. Catherine Channell

Dr. Joseph A. Chazan

Chestnut Hill Realty

Mr. Joel Cohen and Andrea Toon

Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Davis

Ms. Elizabeth A. Debs and

Mr. Stephen Turner

Mrs. Karen DelPonte

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Dimeo

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Dimeo

Mr. and Mrs. Robert DiMuccio

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W.

Edwards, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Fain

Mrs. Rosalie Fain

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faulkner

Hon. and Mrs. Robert G. Flanders

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Flynn

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Granoff

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Granoff

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Hall

Mrs. Jocelin Hamblett

Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Hershkowitz

Mr. Barry Hittner and

Dr. Kathleen C. Hittner

Hope Charitable Foundation

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Iannuccilli

Mr. David C. Isenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Artemis W.

Joukowsky

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Livingston, Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. Philip G. Maddock

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, III

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Mason, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman E.

McCulloch, Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles J. McDonald

Ms. Ruth Mullen

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C.

Nicholson, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Renn Olenn

Pearle W. and Martin M.

Silverstein Foundation

Dr. Dennis McCool and

Ms. Jacqueline Savoie

Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Schwartz

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Sharpe, Jr.

Mrs. Martha Sherman

Mr. Daniel G. Siegel

Mr. and Mrs. William Simmons

Mr. and Mrs. Joel N. Stark

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sutton

Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Taylor

Ms. Cheryl Greenfeld Teverow

Mr. and Mrs. Roger A.

Vandenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Walker

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Weisberg

The White Family Foundation

providence public library

the  
library

**Explore**  
**Discover**  
**Connect**

for a lifetime of education

150 Empire Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903  
401-455-8000  
[www.provlb.org](http://www.provlb.org)