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Cape Ann Museum Board of Trustees member William Cross presents a lecture and slideshow that examines the architectural significance of the Manchester Public Library in celebration of its 125th anniversary. The first library designed by the New York-based firm McKim, Mead and White and finished in 1887, this

treasured resource in downtown Manchester was a gift to the town from summer resident Thomas Jefferson Coolidge. Cross details the roots of its design as well as the meaning behind several of its motifs and also places it within the context of McKim, Mead and White's long reign as one of the most successful architectural firms in the country in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Contemporary images of the library by local photographer Steve Rosenthal enhance the discussion.

Subject list

Thomas Jefferson Coolidge Manchester Public Library

Charles McKim Grand Army of the Republic

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H. H. Richardson White-Ellery House

Steve Rosenthal Early Renaissance architecture

William Cross Colonial Revival architecture

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