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To All The Citizens of Provincetown:

The Trustees of the Provincetown Public Library Cordially Invite You to the Dedication of the Renovated Library on Sunday, December 4, 1977 at Two o'Clock Provincetown Public Library 330 Commercial Street Provincetown, Massachusetts

Interior shot of renovated Provincetown library. Curved surfaces are caused by wide-angle lens.

Library service starts today

The renovated Provincetown Public Library at Freeman and Commercial Streets will reopen today but on a limited basis.

The third floor, housing the library's nonfiction collection, will be closed to the public, because its stairways and balconies still lack safety glass between the banisters. Members of the library staff will fetch any book requested from the third floor stacks.

The renovated first and second floors also lack the safety glass, which had been scheduled to arrive two weeks ago. But the contractor, building inspector and insurance company agreed there was no significant danger on those levels. The third-floor balconies overhang the second

floor, so they need the protective glass.

Once the safety glass is installed, the library will have to close for two days. It will then have an official grand opening. The library trustees have not yet set a date for the formal opening.

For the summer, the library will be open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. It will be closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The library is staffed by four persons, including one CETA worker. A night book deposit slot is located on the Freeman Street side of the building. The library was originally due to open six months ago. During the renovation period, its books were housed in the Town Hall auditorium.

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Library dedication Sunday

The renovated Provincetown Public Library will be dedicated at public ceremonies Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

The library, located at Commercial and Freeman Streets, was originally dedicated in December, 1873, when Nathan Freeman read the structure's deed. The deed says the library exists "for the pleasure of the people of Provincetown."

Mainly because of safety hazards, the building underwent \$250,000 renovations. Books were housed temporarily in the Town Hall auditorium until the library reopened unofficially this summer.

At the Sunday dedication, contractor Richard Maranhos of Atlantic Building Systems will hand over a key to the building to Mary-Jo Avellar, selectmen

chairman. The construction is complete, although there are still some minor adjustments left to finish.

Librarian Alice Joseph formally invited state and local library officials and many public officials.

After introductory remarks by Joseph Lema, chairman of the library board of trustees, Assistant Librarian Dan Lewis will unveil the National Historic Trust plaque on the front facade of the building.

Other speakers will include: Daniel Sullivan, Architect; Eugene Tellier of the First National Bank; and Frank Olivera of the Seaman's Savings Bank.

Mason Freeman, the library's founder 100 years ago, was president of the First National Bank. That bank donated a librarian's desk to the renovated library.

Seaman's Savings donated a table-and-chair set to the new library.

After the ceremonies, refreshments will be served and the Linguica Band will perform.