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Dedication plaque, Technology Training Room

## NEW CHURCHLAND BRANCH LIBRARY OPENS FEATURES TECHNOLOGY CENTER DONATED BY PARTNERSHIP

Walk into the open, high-domed foyer of the new Churchland Branch Library and you are immediately impressed with the view it affords of open space, books and computers. But you are also undoubtedly struck by the sleek sailboat which graces the center of the entrance's space. Donated by Partnership member Carroll Crecy and his wife, Gloria, to the **Friends of the Portsmouth Library**, this Portsmouth Icon—a product of the **Portsmouth Partnership Foundation**—

joins the ranks of ten others which adorn our city from the TowneBank lobby at High and Crawford to City Hall. The boat's taut mainsail greets visitors with an appropriate image: a rendering of Renoir's "Girl Reading."

The **Portsmouth Partnership Foundation's** interest, upon first learning of the planned facility, lay in helping to take the new branch, technologically, to the "next level." Accordingly, the Foundation's \$18,300 grant helped to provide for a private room, stocked with 16 individual computer stations. The grant, paid over a period of three years, was made to the Friends of the Portsmouth Public Library.

The **Churchland facility**, at 20,900 square feet, provides space for a children's area and story-telling room as well as group study rooms and a community meeting room. Energy-efficient natural lighting is in abundance, and new radio frequency identification equipment (RFID) and self-checkout capability are state-of-the-art. Portsmouth citizens of all ages will enjoy this spectacular facility for years to come.



Sailboat icon, Foyer



The Technology Training Room, shown above, features sixteen computer stations



**GPDC** 11 years 1,000 jobs \$10,000,000 tax revenue

