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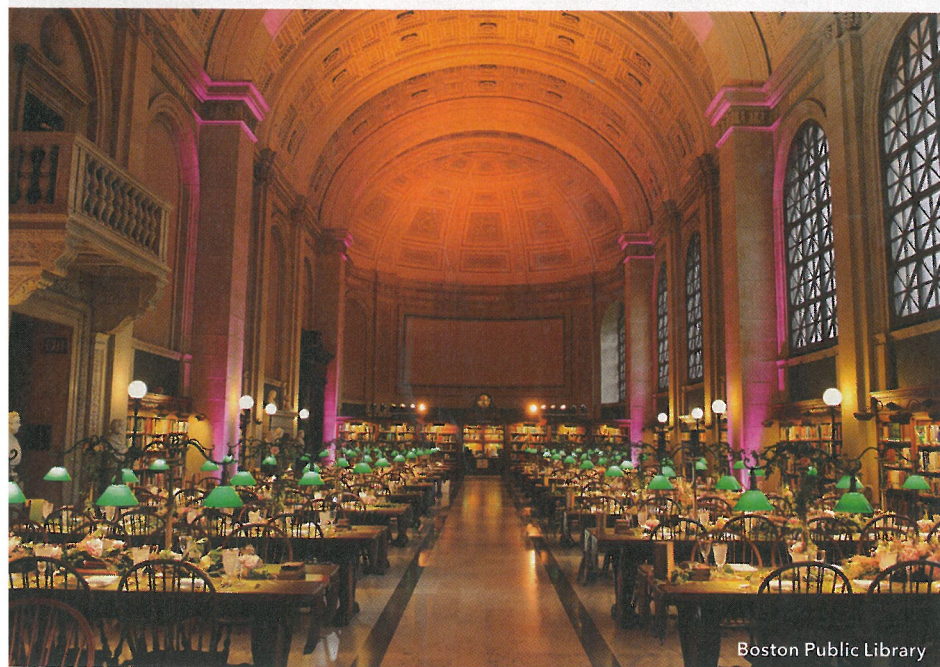
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Majestic architecture, sweeping rooms (like Bates Hall, above), a lush courtyard, and an extra-accommodating staff make this landmark building a top pick. And, no, silence is not required. bpl.org.

ASTICOU INN NORTHEAST HARBOR, MAINE

At this old-timey Mt. Desert Island inn, you can dine and dance by spectacular Northeast Harbor, then make your getaway via romantic sea kayak. asticou.com.

THE WAUWINET NANTUCKET, MASS.

Rent it out and this preppy island resort can be home to you and up to 90 guests. After a ceremony on the zen deck overlooking the ocean, end the day with a lobster bake on the water. wauwinet.com.

THE GRAND ARCADE ASBURY PARK, N.J.

Go *Boardwalk Empire* big in this 1920s-era music hall that holds up to 900 (!) on the Jersey Shore. For extra drama, exchange vows in the adjoining Gatsby-esque Paramount Theatre. apboardwalk.com.

THE PLAZA NEW YORK

Generations of sophisticated New York brides—and guests of Truman Capote's legendary Black and White Ball—have twirled in this hotel's Grand Ballroom, a quintessential classic. theplazany.com.

CARAMOOR CENTER FOR MUSIC AND ART KATONAH, N.Y.

Music lovers can get married in the intimate sunken garden of this Spanish-style estate, home to year-round classical, opera, and jazz concerts, atop a stone-and-moss flight of stairs. caramoor.org.

ANDALUSIA ESTATE ANDALUSIA, PENN.

Reason no. 329 to get married in this breathtaking 18th-century mansion in Bucks County? The venue will work with you to end the night with a fireworks show over the Delaware River. andalusiapa.org.

FRONT & PALMER PHILADELPHIA

Have the chicest green wedding in town at this singular loft space with 35-foot ceilings. It's partially powered by solar panels, and it offers a sustainable menu by local foodie caterers. frontandpalmer.com.

WEEKAPAU INN WESTERLY, R.I.

It's easy to take over this century-old, just-renovated inn's 31 rooms and suites.

Follow vows in the quaint New England chapel with a tented reception on the lawn, complete with local seafood. Anyone who can pronounce "Quonochontaug," the salt pond it sits on, gets a centerpiece. weekapauginn.com.

THE EQUINOX RESORT MANCHESTER, VT.

This pristine mountain hideaway is gorgeous all year, but a winter bash in the Colonnade Ballroom, surrounded by snow, is magical. equinoxresort.com.

THE EXPERTS

- **Meagan Gilpatrick**, Maine Seasons Events, Topsham, Maine
- **Xochitl Gonzalez**, AAB Creates, New York
- **Brian Kappra**, Evantine Design, Philadelphia
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