



deborah
&
jay

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the ceremony

A friend of the couple officiated the ceremony, which included a mix of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish customs that have become part of their families' traditions.

the cake

Fresh roses and hydrangeas added color to the simple, buttercream-frosted cake. The yellow cake was made from a recipe out of Deborah's mom's *Joy of Cooking* cookbook.

the table numbers

Tables were identified with numbered library-book envelopes, which was fitting since they got married in the Boston Public Library.



their story

Deborah Witzburg (26 and a law student) agreed to go to a Halloween party with her friend during her sophomore year at Brown University. Little did she know that she was about to meet the man she'd marry, Jay Beidler (27 and an investment analyst), who was also studying at Brown at the time. With Deborah wearing a Charlie's Angel getup and Jay dressed as the Monopoly Man, the costumed pair hit it off and started dating. About five years later, Jay asked Deborah out to dinner, during which he placed a small, black velvet box on the table. When she opened it, she found the engagement ring that once belonged to her great-great grandmother. —CM >>





the shoes

Deborah and her mom wore matching antique-gold Manolo Blahnik pumps. The best part: They can both wear them again, for any occasion.

the centerpieces

Tall arrangements of roses, orchids, lilies, hydrangeas and ranunculus, along with old-fashioned reading lamps, topped the library's long tables.

the bridesmaid looks

The bridesmaids chose from various styles of black silk J. Crew dresses and paired them with metallic sandals and necklaces (a gift from the bride). >>

their style

The couple let the venue, the Boston Public Library, speak for itself. They opted for subdued decorations such as green-and-white floral arrangements and book-inspired décor. It was Deborah's dad's idea for them to wed in the library, and the theme suited the couple perfectly!





the bridal bouquet

The bride carried orchids, calla lilies, hydrangeas, freesias and ranunculus wrapped in the same silk material as the bridesmaid dresses, tying their looks together.

the cocktail hour

Guests ate hors d'oeuvres, including smoked salmon and Tuscan vegetable tarts, in the library's courtyard, where green-and-white gardens and a large fountain set the scene between the indoor ceremony and reception.

the escort cards

Guests' names were printed on green card stock and tucked into pockets typically found in the backs of library books. The pockets featured the same design used on the other stationery.

the ceremony programs

Folded programs were printed with typeface that matched the save-the-dates and invitations. Inside, photos of Deborah and Jay's late family members added a personal touch.



their ingredients

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