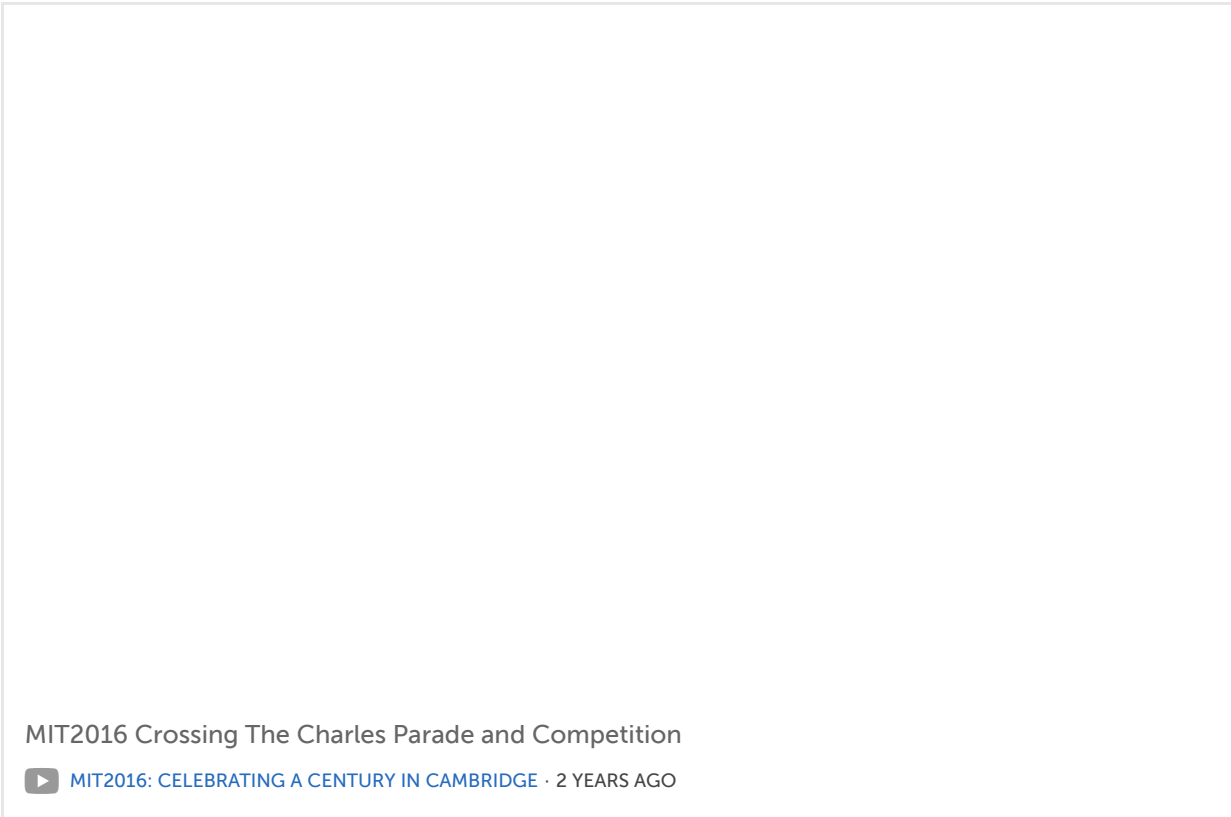


# A look back at Moving Day

The Libraries join the MIT community in recreating the Institute's historic move and the party of the century.

MIT commemorated its 1916 move from Boston to Cambridge on Saturday, May 7, with [Moving Day](#), a daylong series of events for the entire MIT community.

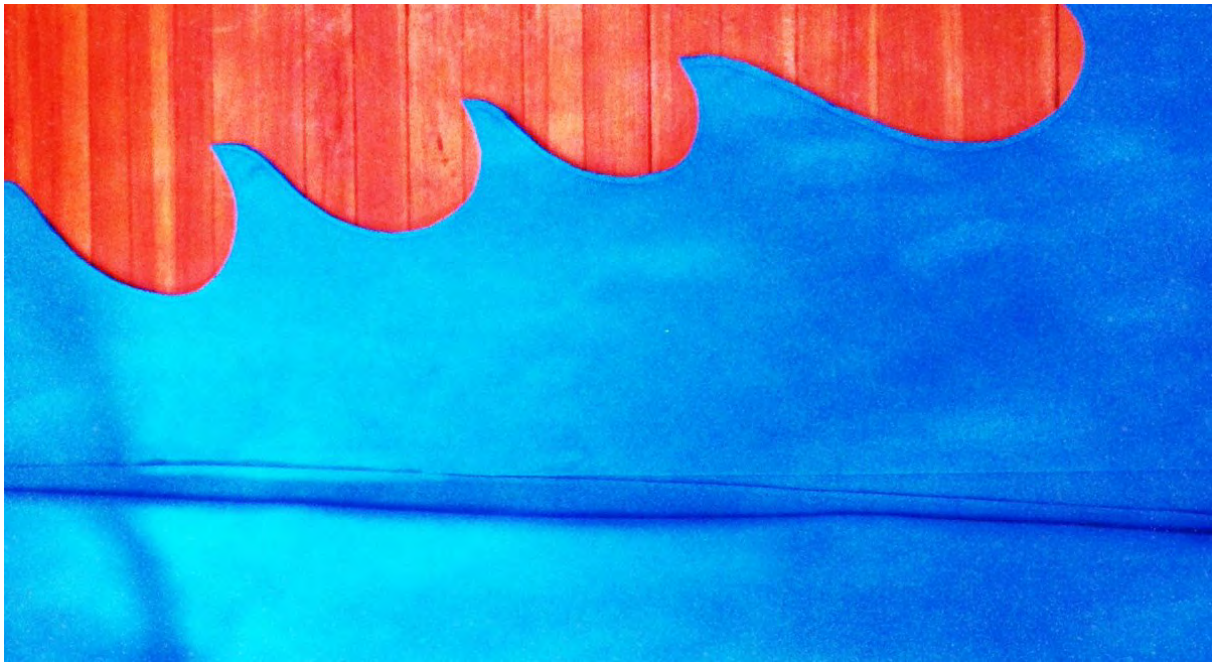


## By land and by water, MIT celebrates 100 years in Cambridge - The Boston Globe

CAMBRIDGE -- Crowds scrambled for photos and selfies Saturday afternoon, cheering "Smoooooot!" as Oliver Smoot slowly made his way over the Harvard Bridge in a red 1941 Buick convertible, followed by a group of students bearing a "Smoot Brigade" banner. "The man, the legend, the unit of measurement!"

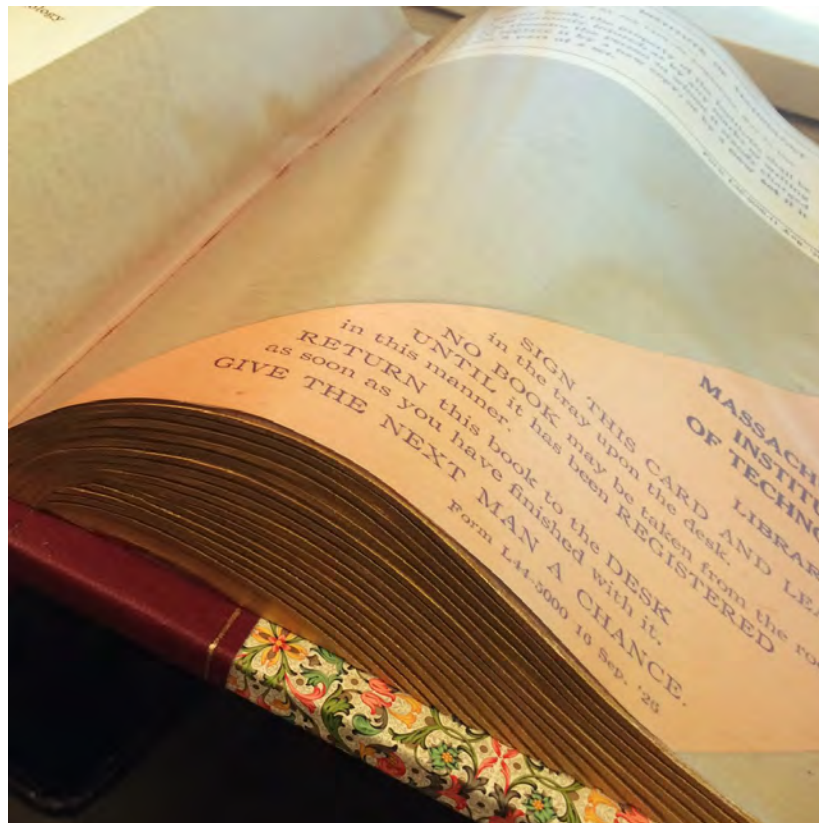
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A group from the MIT Libraries and MIT Press was among more than 30 teams competing in "The Crossing," a festive community parade and competition on the Charles River. Some sneak peeks at the Libraries' entry:



RT @mitlibraries: Crossing the Charles over a Smoot Bridge near you... #ToCambridgeAndBeyond #MIT02139 [pic.twitter.com/RVmQAKdfYZ](https://pic.twitter.com/RVmQAKdfYZ)

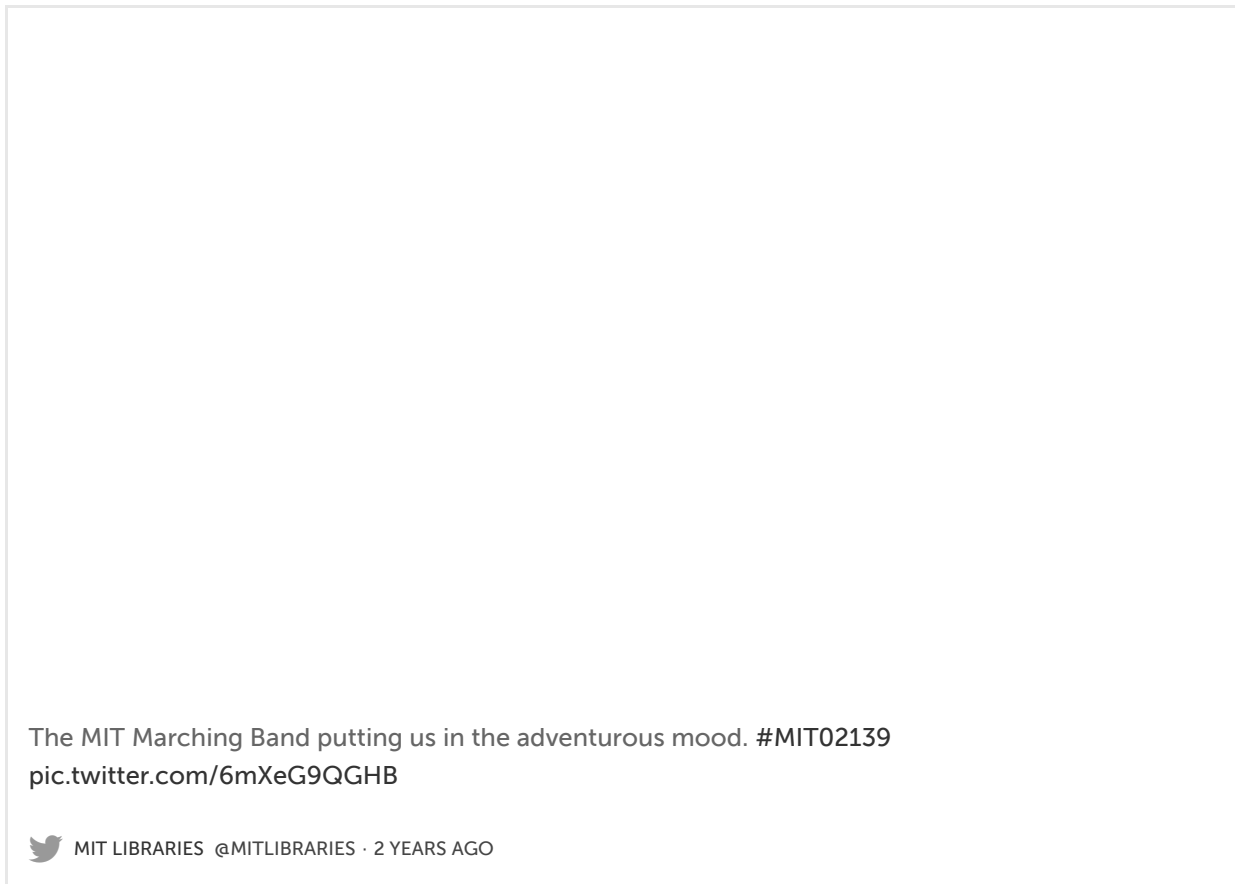
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We are getting our float ready for Moving Day... #GiveTheNextManAChance #MIT02139 [pic.twitter.com/c6PHQAWDip](https://pic.twitter.com/c6PHQAWDip)

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The big day arrives:



The MIT Marching Band putting us in the adventurous mood. #MIT02139  
[pic.twitter.com/6mXeG9QGHB](https://pic.twitter.com/6mXeG9QGHB)

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"[Great Stride](#) Guy" was certainly ready to make the crossing.



The Great Stride! #MIT02139 [pic.twitter.com/eK62PkOM2F](https://pic.twitter.com/eK62PkOM2F)

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We are ready to cross the Charles! #MIT02139 [pic.twitter.com/of4Txvkmig](https://pic.twitter.com/of4Txvkmig)

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We are in formation to make the great move! #MIT02139 [pic.twitter.com/l7WiwBNm2Z](https://pic.twitter.com/l7WiwBNm2Z)

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The [@mitlibraries](#) & [@mitpress](#) entry in the Crossing the Charles competition [#MIT02139](#)  
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#MovingDay #MIT02139 [pic.twitter.com/kXW4Zgr9Bq](https://pic.twitter.com/kXW4Zgr9Bq)

 FEDERICO KUKSO @FEDKUKSO · 2 YEARS AGO

The #MITLibraries marching with a laptop and book across the river! #mit02139  
[pic.twitter.com/Xg8fFRxx1D](https://pic.twitter.com/Xg8fFRxx1D)

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The parade is on the move! #MIT02139 [pic.twitter.com/3kLxQm6ai7](https://pic.twitter.com/3kLxQm6ai7)



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Noted alumnus and unit of measurement Oliver Smoot '62 joined the procession. You can read more about the "Smoot" in [Nightwork, A History of Hacks and Pranks at MIT](#), also featured in the Libraries' float.

The #Smoot himself, on #parade at 14 ears/second for #MIT02139 @mitpics #MIT #MovingDay



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**Chris Bourg**

@mchris4duke

Met Oliver Smoot, who says the library saved him during his undergraduate days

[en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver\\_R...](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver_R...) #mit



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Teams made the crossing by land and water, with the help of robots, incredible artistry, and pure brawn. The Libraries had some stiff competition.



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#movingday #massachusettsinstituteoftechnology #onlyatmit #igboston #igersboston #parade #boston  
#cambridgema #mit02139

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Have you ever hauled a floating staircase across a river? We did—at #MITMovingDay to celebrate the 100th anniversary of MIT's move from #boston to #cambridgema. Constructed by graduate students from @mitarchitecture, this is a representation--to scale--of staircases on the #CharlesRiver that were part of the original design for the #MIT campus, but never built. #mit02139 #aroundmit #onlyatMIT @mitarchitecture @hughmagee33

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Brains @MIT moving the zombie-bait to #cambma #mit #mit02139



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With more than 30 staff members cheering their way across the river, it's no surprise the Libraries were honored with the competition's Beaver Spirit Award for school spirit. Congratulations to the Libraries team!



We won the Beaver Spirt Award! [#MIT02139](https://twitter.com/MIT02139) [pic.twitter.com/4CMs9wX7nU](https://pic.twitter.com/4CMs9wX7nU)

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What a great day! [@mitlibraries](https://twitter.com/mitlibraries) [pic.twitter.com/xCVpsq9wYv](https://pic.twitter.com/xCVpsq9wYv)

 MIKKI MACDONALD [@MUPPETFRIEND](https://twitter.com/MUPPETFRIEND)  [@mchris4duke](https://twitter.com/mchris4duke) · 2 YEARS AGO





So proud of the [@mitlibraries](#) team for winning the Beaver Spirit award at Crossing the Charles  
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In the evening, the community gathered for "Mind and Hand: A Pageant," a multimedia celebration of MIT's history with an entertaining look to the future. It was the most dazzling spectacle on Killian Court since the [1916 pageant](#) to celebrate the campus' dedication.



MIT's official seal, including Mens and Manus, came to life on stage. [Learn more about](#) the seal in the Institute Archives and Special Collections.

One more from last night. MIT President Reif chatting with Mens and Manus from the MIT Seal. Cambridge, MA.



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Top #univ story: @MIT\_alumni: 'Mens et manus in 3D. #MovingDay #MIT02139 '  
[pic.twitter.com/pK2UZwHemq](https://pic.twitter.com/pK2UZwHemq), see more [tweetedtimes.com/v/1556?s=tnp](https://tweetedtimes.com/v/1556?s=tnp)

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President Reif received a Face Time call from the international space station, perhaps a 21st-century version of the famous [Telephone Banquet](#)?



A message from orbit [#MIT02139](#) [#space](#) [#shoutOut](#) [pic.twitter.com/BqhuhdRo4K](https://pic.twitter.com/BqhuhdRo4K)

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The day ended in spectacular fashion, echoing the [unforgettable party](#) the *Technology Review* called "the greatest celebration ever held by any institution of learning in the world."



MIT Moving Day Pageant: Mens, manus, cor ... and a whole lot of fun! #MIT02139  
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While Moving Day may be over, the celebration of the Cambridge Centennial continues. Don't miss a look back at the 1916 festivities with Archivist Nora Murphy in a Twitter Q&A on May 17, and visit our exhibit, [The Great Stride](#), on view in the Maihaugen Gallery until November 30.



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#MITLibraries archivist, @nmurphy\_nora will be answering questions from @MIT1916 on 5/17 about the 100th anniversary of Moving Day #MIT02139

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@MITINSPIRE #TheGreatStride MIT's move to Cambridge galley talk @mitlibraries  
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