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Chantilly Regional Library to Dedicate Stained Glass Memorial

From: Chantilly Regional Library

The Chantilly branch of the Fairfax County Public Library will have a ceremony to dedicate a stained glass memorial to Susan Woodcock who passed away in 2005. Woodcock was a beloved children's librarian in Fairfax County for 18 years. The dedication will be followed by the third annual Susan Woodcock Memorial Storytime at 11 a.m. featuring Donna Washington, folklorist and storyteller. Chantilly Regional Library is located at 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly.

"Susan was a lover of books and took much joy in bringing children together with quality literature particularly through storytelling and storytimes," said Daria Parnes, branch manager for Chantilly Regional Library.

After customers, friends and colleagues began making donations in Woodcock's memory, the idea was initiated to create a memorial storytime. This was followed, after a generous donation by the Chantilly Regional Library Friends group, with the commissioning of the stained glass to enhance the children's area of the library.

The memorial art consists of two 2'x3' stained glass panels, one with nursery rhymes and the other with children's book and fairy tale characters by stained glass artist Jeanie Dunivin.

"Susan was the light for our family. We are very grateful that the Friends and the Chantilly Library have made it possible for her memory to bring light to others at these storytimes," said family members Ted Woodcock, Rebecca McLain and Elizabeth Woodcock. "We are also most grateful for the special dedication of a stained glass window at the library in Susan's honor. Thank you for keeping Susan's memory alive in the world of books and stories."

Registration is required for the storytime. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/libray or call 703-502-3883.

Date and Time: Saturday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Location: Chantilly Regional Library.

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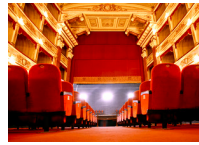
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