

Chantilly Library Dedicates Memorial

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The Chantilly Regional Library dedicated a stained-glass memorial, Saturday, May 9, to Susan Woodcock, who died in 2005 but was a beloved children's librarian in Fairfax County for 18 years. The dedication was followed by the third annual Susan Woodcock Memorial Storytime and featured folklorist and storyteller Donna Washington.

"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, the library's manager.

After customers, friends and colleagues began making donations in Woodcock's memory, the idea began to create a memorial storytime. Then, after a donation by the Chantilly Regional Library Friends group, came the commissioning of the stained glass to enhance the children's area of the library. It consists of two, 2-foot-by-3-foot, stained-glass panels — one with nursery rhymes and the other with children's book and fairytale 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."



The Susan Woodcock Memorial consists of two stained glass panels with a variety of her favorite children's book characters. The memorial was designed by local artist Jeanie Dunivin.



Ted Woodcock, the husband of Susan Woodcock and their two daughters, Elizabeth Woodcock and Rebecca McLain cut the ribbon for the dedication of a new stained glass memorial for their memory of Susan Woodcock.



Frances Reiher and Debbie King, from the right, admire a newly installed stained glass memorial at the Chantilly Regional Library on May 9. The memorial was designed for former librarian, Susan Woodcock who died in 2005 and worked as a children's librarian in the county system for 18 years. "She was such a wonderful person," said Reiher who had worked with Woodcok as a librarian. The glass panels were designed by local artist, Jeanie Dunivin and were paid for by the Chantilly Regional Library Friends Group.

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