



Library honors Beverly Dudley

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On May 8, 2009, the York County Public Library held a reception at the Yorktown Library to unveil a memorial portrait of Beverly Dudley, the first Manager of Library Services for the York County Public Library.

Charles Mitri, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees; Kevin Smith, Manager of Library Services; Norma Colton, Librarian Supervisor; and Jane Kerwood, President of the York County Friends of the Library, reminisced about Dudley. The portrait of Mrs. Dudley was then unveiled. Dudley's family was also presented with smaller framed versions of the photograph.

"Mrs. Dudley's legacy lives on today in the buildings, the staff, the policies and our volunteers, many of whom are retired library employees who were hired by Mrs. Dudley," Smith said. "She must be commended for laying the foundations of the fine institution that is the York County Public Library."

Dudley began working for the county on June 6, 1970, and retired on Jan. 31, 2003, after 32 years of service. She was the library's first employee and oversaw the establishment of an official York County Library. Dudley worked with the county and library trustees to design both the Yorktown and Tabb Libraries. She was known for her commitment and dedication to the library, its patrons and to York County. Dudley passed away in Sept. 2008.

For more information contact the Tabb Library at 890-5120 or the Yorktown Library at 890-5207. The Tabb Library is located at the intersection of Hampton Highway (VA Rt. 134) and Long Green Boulevard, across from the Victory YMCA. The Yorktown Library is located at the intersection of George Washington Memorial Highway (Route 17) and Battle Road.

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Norma Colton (left), Librarian Supervisor, and Kevin Smith, Manger of Library Services, unveil the portrait of Beverly Dudley at the Yorktown Library.