South Hill Library’s Florence Davis Reading Lounge now open to the public

Friends, family and library supporters gathered March 28 to honor dedicated library volunteer

More than 30 friends, family and library supporters gathered on March 28, 2015, at South Hill Pierce County Library for a brief ceremony to unveil the new Florence Davis Reading Lounge. The reading lounge features new and additional seating with built-in charging stations.

Florence Davis was a charter member of the Friends of South Hill Library group before the current library location opened in 1990. She served faithfully into her 80s and could be seen almost daily stocking shelves for the Friends ongoing book sale. She was a reader and active volunteer throughout the community. Davis died Sept. 20, 2014, at the age of 93.

Pierce County Library Executive Director Georgia Lomax emceed the ceremony. Phil Yates, member of Friends of South Hill Library, shared remembrances. Davis’ three daughters, Amanda Tucci, April Marsillo and Pam Grote, unveiled the Florence Davis Reading Lounge lettering displayed above floor-to-ceiling windows.

Attendees also had a chance to experience South Hill Library’s recent remodel of which the reading lounge was a part. Highlights of the remodel include new restrooms and carpet, a new area for movies and music, new special collections for Christian fiction and Pacific Northwest history, and a revamped business area. Improvements were made possible by donors to the Florence Davis Reading Lounge, Pierce County Library System, Pierce County Library Foundation, Friends of South Hill Library and South Hill Historical Society.

South Hill Library is located at 15420 Meridian E. in Puyallup.

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