



Celebrating the Wilkinson Family!

Join the Aurora Public Library on Saturday, July 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as we celebrate the legacy of the Wilkinson Family. The festivities will include a day full of memories, artifacts, and unveiling of the iconic whip at the Santori Library. You will enjoy reminiscing with old friends, while feeling the impact of this important family on our shared communal experience.

The day will kick off with an information fair from 9:30 a.m. - noon in the Atrium where you can learn about various social justice organizations Marie Wilkinson supported, including Mutual Ground, Family Focus, and several other nonprofit agencies.

At 10:00 a.m. we will begin a ribbon cutting ceremony where there will be an unveiling of the iconic whip from the Wilkinson Family Collection. An artifact that many of the citizens of Aurora are familiar with as an instrument that symbolized punishment transformed into a teaching tool that Marie used in several of her classroom visits throughout our community. "The Aurora Public Library is honored to be the caretakers of the Wilkinson Family collection, most notably the iconic bullwhip as a family and community artifact. Marie presented this violent instrument of oppression to illustrate the wounds of history and as a driving force towards social justice to children in Aurora and beyond. It is our responsibility at the Aurora Public Library to continue her legacy" says Krista Danis, Events and Program Coordinator at the Santori Library. There will be a short presentation and ribbon cutting, upon which we will reveal the whip, which will be on permanent display on the second floor of Santori Library. Afterwards, we will cut cake in honor of the Wilkinson Family and the profound impact each member has played in creating a civil and just society, both in Aurora and internationally.

Continue to experience the impact the Wilkinson Family had as you watch a video capturing the intensity of the role Donald Wilkinson played in American history. Several artifacts connecting him to the Korean War and his experience as a paratrooper in that conflict will be on display in room 126 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Have your own memories of the Wilkinson Family? Stop by the Memory Roundtable as we feature photos of the Wilkinsons and try to identify the people who accompany them. Browse endless photos of times past and write your memories in our memory book from 12:30 p.m. through 3:00p.m. in the teen program room.

Are you a graduate of Madonna High School? Join Sheila Scott-Wilkinson, class of 1963, for a reunion in room 125 from 2 to 3 p.m. Memories will be shared and cake will be served, as you celebrate Shelia's graduating class! Contact Margie Logman '66 with any questions at mlogmannmargie@gmail.com

End the day with our judges, as they determine the winner of the Wilkinson Teen Art Contest! Judges include teen members of the Eola Road Branch TAB group, library administration, and

Shelia Scott- Wilkinson. Participants in our Wilkinson Teen Art Contest will have their work displayed in the Atrium throughout the day. The winning piece will best illuminate the Wilkinson spirit as described in Marie's biography, *Gentle Spirit*. The first-place winner will receive a \$300 gift card to Amazon, with the second earning a \$100 gift card and third place receiving a \$50 gift card.

Don't forget to read to Marie from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.! The Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry will accept donations, and donating will earn you the opportunity to share your favorite passage or story with our Marie statue, seated on a bench at the west entrance of Santori. This is a great opportunity for a photo to remember and share the day!

Want to take some meaningful pieces of the Wilkinson Family Collection? Stop by the auction from 9:30 am. to 3 p.m. in the Atrium. You can bid on meaningful pieces of the Wilkinson Collection at our silent auction, available throughout the day in the Atrium alongside Marie's Charities. See significant pieces of the collection and choose your favorite one!