

November 28, 2005

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, Molly Counihan passed away last January. She was a good friend and had just started her teaching career. She will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Molly completed the Towson University Special Education program at the Universities at Shady Grove in May 2004.

One of Molly's great passions was reading. As a teacher, she always looked for ways to incorporate literature into her lessons. As a tribute to her, we are establishing a Molly Counihan Memorial Children's Literature Collection. We are collecting books that are used in Children's Literature classes and house them in a special section of the Universities at Shady Grove library. Present and future students in the teacher education program will benefit from the opportunity to access award-winning books from this collection.

We have included a list of the children's books that we plan to include in our collection. Please send your monetary donation to:

Molly Counihan Library Fund
c/o Dr. Stewart Edelstein, Executive Director
The Universities at Shady Grove
9630 Gudelsky Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

The funds raised will be administered by the University System of Maryland Foundation, Inc. for the benefit of the Universities at Shady Grove Library. Checks should be made payable to "THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND FOUNDATION, Inc." Please note the Molly Counihan Library Fund in the Memo section of your check.

Please do not purchase these books or send us copies that you may already have. With the funds we receive, we will be setting up an account that allows us to purchase these books and others that may be added to the collection.

Thank you for helping us establish this memorial in Molly's name. For further information, please send email requests to: mollycounihanbookcollection@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Marcie Povitsky
Program Assistant

Enclosure