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A New Chapter

The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library opens this fall in the Emelie Building, former home of iMOCA (340 N. Senate Ave.). Potential items in the collection include a signed first edition of *Breakfast of Champions* and a replica of Vonnegut's office, complete with his Eames chair, coffee table, and Smith Corona typewriter. Here, the author's youngest daughter, Nanny Vonnegut, talks about why the family jumped on board.

Any hesitation on the family's part?

No, our approval was fairly instant. My father loved libraries. That people could go and read his books or see his artwork, get a broad idea of his many talents, how could we not approve?

Your father lived most of his life elsewhere. Why Indianapolis?

It made absolute sense. I can't imagine a better place than his birthplace. He did say those were his happiest years, in Indianapolis. It was just very clear to me that it was his home.

What was the Vonnegut family library like?

When we were growing up, our house was just crammed with books—the classics, everything. We were surrounded. Both of my parents were great readers.

How do you hope the Memorial Library is used?

I see it loaded with information about my dad and his life. And possibly the work of writers and artists he admired. It would also be a great venue for lectures, not only about him, but about the culture of the Midwest, all the incredible artists and writers it has produced.

As told to Mary Milz



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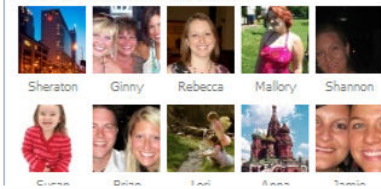
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