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Bronze statue created in memory of Walker library patron

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The bronze sculpture "Sunday Comics" was recently donated to the Walker Branch - KDL.

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The Walker branch of the Kent District Library has a new bronze sculpture in its permanent art collection, thanks to a patron who wanted to honor her late husband.

The bronze statue titled "Sunday Comics" arrived at the library and is now on permanent display. It honors the life of Walker resident Donald Hevel, who died in January 2016 at the age of 86.

Artist Lori Kiplinger Pandey, of Texas, created the sculpture. She has several other pieces on display at the library.

"It is the first sculpture in the library's permanent art collection and a significant piece for the library for helping to grow the culture collection we have on hand," said Library Manager Craig Bunon. "The statue is a nice introduction to art and maybe the first bronze sculpture many have seen and they can see it here for free."

Don's wife, Betty Ann Hevel, told library officials last year she wanted to do something at the library to permanently remember her late husband. "At first she talked about purchasing comic books for the library because they had been so important to Don," Bunon said.

Eventually Betty decided that a bronze sculpture was a better way to honor her husband.

The table-top size sculpture depicts Don as a young man lying on a bed.

floor reading the Sunday comics in his family living room, listed an old-fashioned radio as the same comics are being read by the announcer. Betty said that is the way Don learned to read in th

Buno said Don was an avid reader and often spent time at the library. "He often came in and told the staff jokes besides getting to read."

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"Sunday Comics" is on display with several other sculptures that have been loaned to the library from Sculpture Works, of Hurst, Texas. The group loans art work to libraries across the country. It has recently placed several new sculptures in the Walker library.

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