



# Friends of the Library, Dearborn Newsletter

**April 2010**

The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be to foster closer relations between the Dearborn Department of Libraries, the Dearborn city government, and the people of Dearborn; and further to promote knowledge of, and informed interest in, the functions, services, resources and needs of the public library.

**Tuesday, April 6, 2010**

**7:30 PM**

**Henry Ford Centennial Library**

## **The World of Baseball Tom Stanton**

Tom Stanton, a Detroit-area journalist since 1979, was named Michigan Author of the Year in 2008 by the Michigan Library Association. His works have been recognized by critics. "Baseball books rarely reach the heights of Stanton's," noted the Chicago Tribune. A journalism professor at the University of Detroit Mercy, Stanton holds degrees from Michigan State University and Oakland University, and spent a year as a Knight-Wallace Fellow at the University of Michigan. He has appeared as a guest on NPR, CNN, ESPN, and FOX networks, and his columns and op-ed pieces have been published in major daily newspapers, including the Detroit Free Press and the New York Times. At age twenty-two, Stanton co-founded his first newspaper, *The Bay Voice*, in northern Macomb County. The success of that weekly led him and his business partners to start four other newspapers and one magazine. He sold the newspapers in 1999 to pursue literary dreams.



His books include *The Final Season*, *The Road to Cooperstown*, *Hank Aaron and the Home Run That Changed America*, and *Ty and the Babe*, which was named as a finalist for a Publishers Weekly Quill Award. Mr. Stanton's books will be displayed and for sale in the Rotunda after the program. We hope you will come and enjoy this presentation, and the reminder that spring is on the way! As always, there will be refreshments following the program.

## **Used Book Sale**

Beautiful Spring! Our first really sunny day encouraged a wonderful crowd of book lovers to come to our door, and we ended our "March Madness" book sale with a grand total of \$2970.37 for the library. Now, as we march into Spring, we have the opportunity to highlight some of our favorite books. We have put together for you many of the grand "700" books that make this classification one of Mr. Dewey's most popular with all non-fiction fans. Books on home décor, home furnishings, painting, crafts, art, music, movies, TV, sports and games are just a few of the subjects included in this excellent area. Also, we have not forgotten that the spring season for many of us means gardening, cleaning, repair, and fix-up. We have books on these subjects too. And when you stop for a breath from all your chores and want to relax, we hope you will enjoy watching or listening to some of the selections from our new supply of DVDs, videos, cassettes, and CDs. Finally, can Spring be for the scholarly? We have just received our first group of non-fiction books in the Arabic language. Look for these in the hall area with our other browsing collections of books, paperbacks, and magazines. The Children's section will feature "look around you"...books to help identify the signs of spring, plus many juvenile books-on-tape, and videos. Plan to join us on Wednesday, April 7 from 9:30 until 6:00.

## **President's Message**

Hello, dear Foldites! Wow...we had standing room only for our March speaker on Eloise. We also had a big hit for our 50/50 Raffle. \$75 was won by Diane Jett! In April, it's baseball, baseball, baseball...just in time for Spring! We hope you will all come and enjoy the program.

*Don Valocik*

**BLOCKBUSTER FILMS**  
7:00 Henry Ford Centennial Library

**MARCH 22—*The Informant!* (2009)** – Based on a tattle-tale. Mark Whitacre (Matt Damon), a high-ranking executive at an agri-business giant, becomes a whistleblower when he realizes his company is guilty of price-fixing. Things don't go as planned in this fascinating, if unexpected, human comedy. Directed by Steven Soderbergh. (R, 108 min.)

**MARCH 29—*Dames* (1934)** – This definitive Busby Berkeley musical can not be beat for sheer entertainment. The plot entails a multi-millionaire (Warren Baxter) waging a public decency campaign against Broadway, but most important are the dazzling musical numbers including “I Only Have Eyes For You.” Starring Ruby Keeler, Dick Powell and Joan Blondell. (Not rated, 90 min.)

**APRIL 5 - *Where the Wild Things Are* (2009)** -- Based on Maurice Sendak's classic children's book, the film tells the story of Max, a frustrated 9-year old boy who runs away from home only to be magically transported to a distant land where large, furry monsters inhabit the forest. Max must then decide whether to stay with the wild things or return home where he must learn to keep his aggressive “wildness” in check. A visually astounding and poignant realization of the trials and tribulations of childhood. Directed by Spike Jonze and starring Max Records and Catherine Keener. (PG, 101 min.)

**APRIL 12 – *2012* (2009)** - We're all doomed! The ancient Mayan calendar predicts the end of civilization in the year 2012, and ominous changes on Earth suggest they may be right. Massive earthquakes, floods and volcano eruptions around the world lead the human race to implement a secret plan for the survival of mankind, but will it be too late? Jaw-dropping special effects on a massive scale highlight this throwback to the disaster B-movies of the past. Starring John Cusack and directed by Roland Emmerich. (PG-13, 158 min.)

**APRIL 19 - *The Blind Side* (2009)** – This uplifting film tells the true story of Michael Oher, a homeless African-American youngster from a broken home, taken in by the Touhys, a well-to-do white family who help him fulfill his potential. At the same time, Oher's presence in the Touhys' lives leads them to some insightful self-discoveries of their own. Nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture of 2009. Starring Sandra Bullock and Quinton Aaron. Directed by John Lee Hancock. (PG-13, 128 min.)

**FOLD Welcomes New Members**

Nelsie Grissom

**Library News**

The free book discussion group “Classics Revisited” will be offered through the spring at the Henry Ford Centennial Library. All sessions are open to the public and no registration is required. Sessions take place on the third Wednesday of each month through May from 6-7:30 pm in the third floor training room of the library. Scheduled on April 21 is *The Prophet* by Kahill Gibran, and on May 19, *Mansfield Park* by Jane Austen. Multiple copies of each work are available for checkout at all four branches. To maximize the experience of the discussion group, it is recommended that those who want to participate will complete the book to be discussed before the group meeting. To learn more about a book or author, visit the Literature Resource Center available at [www.dearbornlibrary.org](http://www.dearbornlibrary.org) For more information, call 313-943-2330.

**Bye-Bye Plastic Bags**

In the spirit of increased environmental awareness, beginning April 22(Earth Day), plastic bags will no longer be distributed at library checkout. After that date, all patrons checking out materials will need to provide their own bag, purchase a book bag from the library (with the library logo on one side and Friends logo on the other) or simply carry their items out. Currently, the cost of the library book bag is \$5.00. It is made from a combination of blended cotton scraps and bottle bag material made from recycled soda bottles! So purchasing and using this bag is really beneficial to the environment. In addition, a less expensive variation of this bag will also be made available for sale at all locations. So please plan on bringing your own bag or purchasing one from the library in preparation for Earth Day 2010 and beyond.

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Present:

*World of Baseball*  
with  
**Tom Stanton**



Spend an evening with the 2008 Michigan Author of the Year.

A Detroit-area journalist since 1979, and journalism professor at the University of Detroit-Mercy, Tom Stanton has authored four nationally published books, and appeared as a guest on such programs as NPR, CNN, ESPN, and Fox Networks.

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7:30pm**

**Henry Ford Centennial Library Auditorium**

**16301 Michigan Ave.  
Dearborn, MI 48126**

For more information, please call 313-943-2330.

*Our program is free and presented as a community service.  
Light refreshments will be served in the rotunda following the program.*