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Baseball Celebration Features Music, Speakers and Artwork at Central Library

FREE EVENT COINCIDES WITH 2016 ALL-STAR GAME FESTIVITIES

SAN DIEGO – As fans flock to San Diego for the 2016 Major League Baseball All-Star Game, they are invited to take part in a celebration of all things baseball on Saturday, July 9, in the Neil Morgan Auditorium at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, 330 Park Blvd.

Baseball players, writers, performers and artists are in the line-up for Talking Baseball, a free event presented by the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) Ted Williams Chapter. The event schedule, which is subject to change, includes:

9:30 a.m. – Welcome by Ted Williams Chapter President Dan Boyle

10 a.m. – SABR presents the 1919 Black Sox Scandal

11 a.m. – Bob Kendrick discusses Negro Leagues Baseball Museum history and impact

Noon – Baseball singer and songwriter Joe Rathburn performs

1 p.m. – Former pro catcher Matt Nokes narrates video of the 1993 Yankees vs. Indians no-hitter game

2 p.m. – Matt Thompson performs “Ted Williams: A Tip of the Cap”

3 p.m. – Filmmaker Jon Leonoudakis screens new documentary “Hano! A Century in the Bleachers”

4 p.m. – The Baseball Reliquary presents baseball songs by legendary folk singer Ross Altman

5 p.m. – Former Padres outfielder Gene Locklear discusses his career and artwork

Reservations are not required. The public is invited to attend one or all of the sessions for free, thanks to support from presenting sponsor Bank of America.

“This program will entertain baseball fans from ages 9 to 99, anyone with a voracious appetite for the game,” said Andy Strasberg, Talking Baseball organizer and former Padres vice president of

marketing. “I am thrilled the San Diego Public Library is celebrating the All-Star weekend with this free all-day event.”

The San Diego Central Library is home to the Sullivan Family Baseball Research Center, a collection of SABR materials including more than 3,000 publications, books, journals and microfilm reels. The collection is available on the eighth floor and open for public viewing during regular business hours.

For more information on Talking Baseball, visit www.sandiego.gov/blog/talking-baseball-central-library. Additional sponsors include PostalAnnex+, Elite Services and Hunt Auctions. Attendees will receive two hours free parking with validation at the Central Library.

About the San Diego Public Library

San Diego Public Library, which is the largest library system in the region, serves a population of more than 1.3 million people. Its mission is to inspire lifelong learning through connections to knowledge and each other. Learn about other events at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common and 35 community branch libraries, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library’s online catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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