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Baseball Photography Exhibition Captures the Essence of Baseball
Local Man Trying to Save Baseball Fans' Snapshots

SAN DIEGO – For the second year, a collection of baseball photographs will be on display at the San Diego Public Library. The exhibition, which is free and open to the public, will be on the second floor of the Central Library near the Art, Music & Recreation Section and the Children's Room from now through March 31, 2011. The photographs were assembled by local baseball historian and author, Andy Strasberg, as part of his ongoing *Fantography* project to gather snapshots taken by fans over the last 100 years that capture a poignant personal moment in major league, minor league, or Negro league baseball.

Mr. Strasberg says that every day hundreds of baseball snapshots taken before the digital age are lost as the original owners pass away and their belongings are discarded. Today's digital pictures are also being lost. Once snapshots are taken by a fan with a digital camera or phone, they are downloaded to a computer, usually not printed, and almost always forgotten. Fans have the opportunity to read further about the project and submit their own photographs on the Fantography Web site at www.Fantography.net.

According to Mr. Strasberg, a photograph is an ideal way to document a fan's experience. "It's better than a cap, ball, pennant, or player's autograph. It's personal and meaningful." The Fantography exhibit is also scheduled to appear in Louisville, KY; Cooperstown, New York; Boston, MA and seven local San Diego libraries this year.

Baseball fans and researchers may also be interested in the Central Library's Baseball Research Center that is maintained in partnership with the local chapter of the Society of American Baseball Research (SABR). This ever growing collection of books and research material is the largest of its kind west of the Mississippi.

Learn about events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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