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### **San Diego Public Library Receives Donation of Books, DVDs from San Diego Padres as Part of Tribute to Negro Leagues**

SAN DIEGO – As part of its annual tribute to the Negro Leagues, the San Diego Padres today contributed books and DVDs to the San Diego Public Library at a special ceremony at the Central Library.

Among the contributions were nearly 70 books of various titles, as well as two DVDs: “They were All Stars: An Historic Narrative of Negro Leagues Baseball” and “There was Always Sun Shining Somewhere: Life in the Negro Baseball Leagues.” Both the books and DVDs will become part of the Library’s regular collection available to the public.

“We are pleased and honored to receive this generous donation,” said Anna Tatár, City Library director. “The Negro Leagues played an important role in the history of baseball, and the Library is proud to help preserve that history and make it available for people today and future generations.”

Among those in attendance at today’s ceremony were Dave Winfield, Baseball Hall of Famer and vice president/senior advisor for the San Diego Padres; Neale “BoBo” Henderson, a player for the Negro Leagues’ Kansas City Monarchs; and Walter McCoy, a player for the Negro Leagues’ Chicago American Giants. Both Henderson and McCoy are San Diego residents.

The San Diego Padres are paying tribute to the Negro Leagues this weekend with a variety of events. They are celebrating of the contributions made by the Negro Leagues and its players to the history of baseball.

Through its partnership with the San Diego Ted Williams chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research, the Central Library has a collection of more than 3,000 books on baseball. Earlier this year, the Library acquired 300 microfilms of archival resources from the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Founded in 1882 and celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, the San Diego Public Library has an annual attendance of more than 6 million. The system includes 35 libraries located throughout the City of San Diego.

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