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Library Becoming Major Player in Baseball Information With Large Donation of Books and Periodicals

SAN DIEGO – Thanks to a large donation of baseball books and periodicals, the City of San Diego Public Library is becoming a major league player for information about America's Favorite Pastime.

Jonathan Fraser Light, author of "The Cultural Encyclopedia of Baseball," recently donated more than 1,150 books and periodicals that focus on baseball. Significant additions include reference books, biographies of players and managers, team histories, juvenile literature, fiction, baseball humor, and books about the business of baseball.

The San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center was begun in 2000 as a result of a partnership between the San Diego Public Library and the San Diego Ted Williams chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), which has been active locally since 1984. The Center's collection is held at the Central Library.

Mr. Light's contribution is the largest single donation the Baseball Research Center has yet received, and the fourth major contribution to the Center in the past year.

Between September 2004 and March 2005, the Library received approximately 250 books from Andy Strasberg, steering committee member for the San Diego SABR chapter. Gifts contain mostly media guides for individual Major League Baseball teams from the 1970s to the present.

In addition, in February and March 2005 the Library received 2004 and 2005 media guides for all Major League Baseball teams, as well as 40 copies of the 2005 Padres media guide for distribution throughout the San Diego Public Library system. Previous gifts from the Padres include copies of significant baseball games from the Padres' videotape archives. Earlier this year, the Library also received about 75 baseball books from Joe Naiman, co-author of "The Padres Encyclopedia."

For more information about the San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center, contact the Central Library's Art, Music and Recreation section at 619-236-5810.

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