

Play by the Book

A City-Wide Reading Program

Presented by the Peabody Institute Library

Beginning April 2008

Newsletter and Event Schedule

Program Highlights:

- *An Evening with Johnny Pesky*
- *Meet All American Girls Professional Baseball League Player, Mary Pratt*
- *Stewart O'Nan Author Event*
- *History of Baseball in Peabody Exhibit*
- *Bill Nowlin's "Ted Williams and the Pursuit of Perfection"*
- *Baseball Memorabilia Appraisal*

Event Schedule

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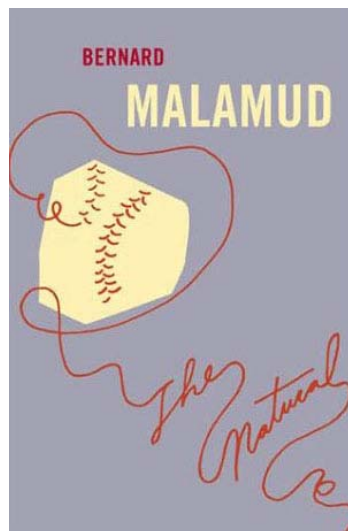
Additional events will be added as scheduled.

Peabody Library Receives "On the Same Page" Grant

The Peabody Institute Library is a proud recipient of *On the Same Page*, a Community Reading Program Mini-grant funded with LSTA funds through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. With the funding from this wonderful grant, we are pleased to offer *Play by the Book*, a city-wide reading program packed with events focused on baseball.

During *Play by the Book*, the community will be encouraged share books about baseball. The library has selected a number of recommended titles, designed to please readers of all ages. Adults are encouraged to check out *The Natural*

by Bernard Malamud and *Double Play* by Robert Parker, and teens will love Carl Deuker's *High Heat*. Children are



sure to enjoy *Players in Pigtails* by Shana Corey, *Mudball* by Matt Tavares, *The Boy Who Saved Baseball* by John Ritter and *Two Hotdogs*

with *Everything* by Paul Haven.

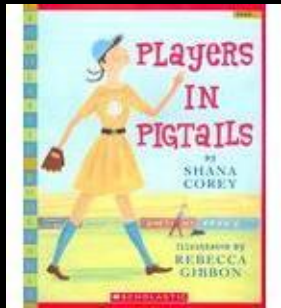
With *Play by the Book*, books are just the beginning! The library will host a series of exciting events for all ages. Inside this newsletter, you will find your guide to all of the exciting opportunities available during *Play by the Book*. Learn about "history ball" from the Essex Baseball Club, meet Mary Pratt of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League, learn more about the Curse of the Bambino, meet "Mr. Red Sox" Johnny Pesky, and more!

We hope you will join us for *Play by the Book*!

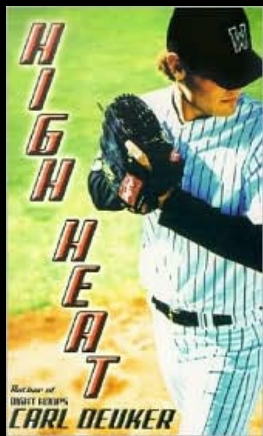
"The whole history of baseball has the quality of mythology." ~Bernard Malamud

Main Library

Registration required for Main Library programs.



The other sports are just sports. Baseball is a love. ~Bryant Gumbel



Ted Williams and the Pursuit of Perfection

April 7th at 7 p.m.

Lecture presented by author Bill Nowlin.

Essex Base Ball Club

April 12th at 11 a.m.

Learn about how they played in the 19th century!

An Evening with Johnny Pesky (Wiggin Auditorium) Registration Required

April 14th at 7 p.m.

Meet "Mr. Red Sox," Johnny Pesky, at this exciting event!

****Must register at Main, South or West Branch Library. Tickets are required for this event and will be given out upon registration.****

Meet All American Girls Professional Baseball League Player, Mary Pratt

April 15th at 7 p.m.

Meet a member of the REAL League of Their Own!

Stewart O'Nan Author Event

April 16th at 7 p.m.

Co-Author of Faithful: Two Diehard Boston Red Sox Fans Chronicle the Historic 2004 Season

Main Library (Teens)

Fantasy Baseball League Draft

Tuesday, April 8th
6-8pm, ages 11-18

Call the library to reserve your spot.

Baseball Trivia World Series

Wednesday, April 16th
4pm, ages 11-18

Author Visit: Howard Bryant (TBA)

Author of Juicing the Game: Drugs, Power, and the Fight for the Soul of Major League Baseball

The Science of Baseball
Monday, April 14th at 4 p.m., ages 9-13

Unmask the Baseball Players

Identify the major leaguers and win a prize. Stop by YA Drop-In during

Main Library (Children)

Monday, April 14th

Baseball Storytime & Craft / ages 5-8years
3:30-4:15PM

Science of Baseball / ages 9-13years
4:00-5:00PM

Tuesday, April 15th

"Let's Play Ball" stories & craft / ages 2-4years / 10-10:45AM

Baseball Bingo with Betsy / ages 6-11years / 4-5PM

Wednesday, April 16th

Baseball-Themed Drop-In Craft / all ages / 3:30-5PM

Thursday, April 17th
Afterschool Movie: Angels in the Outfield / all ages / 3:30PM

South Branch Library

The Curse of the Bambino – A History of the Boston Red Sox

April 17th at 7 p.m.

Lecture and slideshow given by author David Kruh. It will focus on a history of the Boston Red Sox and the pitcher they traded away, Babe Ruth.

Please call to register for this program at 978.531.3380

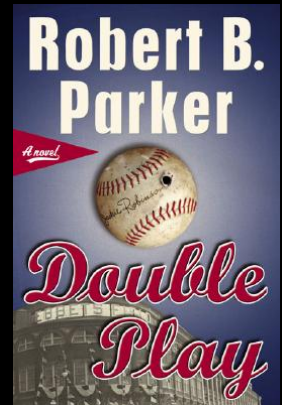
Story Times

During the month of April, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the song Take Me Out to the Ball Game, the children's story times at the South Branch Library will focus on a baseball theme with songs, stories and special crafts! Please call to register at 978.531.3380.

Baseball Bingo

April 26th from 1-2 p.m. for children ages 6-9 (with adult)

Join us for a fun afternoon of prizes, surprises and refreshments. Please call to register at 978.531.3380.



*Poets are like
baseball
pitchers. Both
have their
moments. The
intervals are
the tough
things.
~Robert Frost*

West Branch Library

Baseball Memorabilia Appraisal

April 12th, 12-2 p.m.

Get your baseball collectibles appraised by Mary Wescott of Kaminsky's Auction House.

All Ages Baseball Bingo

April 16th, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Kids of all ages are invited to join us for Baseball BINGO!

Readin' Players

Tuesday's 4/1 to 4/29, 3:30 to 4:30

"Wii... Read it ...Wii Play it..."

The group will be for those ages 7 and up.

Special Events

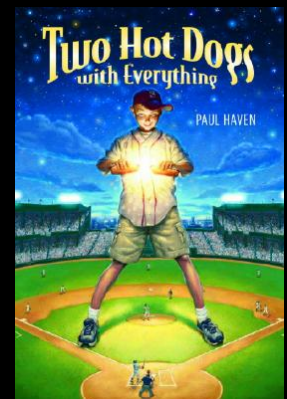
"In Good Style:" the History of Baseball in Peabody

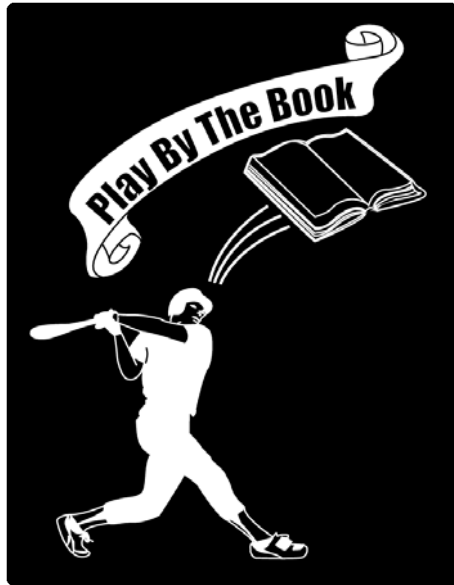
Exhibit begins April 1st in the Main Library's front lobby.

Nicknames, Legends and Heroes in Baseball

Presented by William Power, President of the Peabody Historical Society. Date and location to be announced.

Peabody Recreation Department Sponsors 4-day trip to Toronto Canada! April 4-6, 2008
Boston Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays.
Contact the Recreation Department:
978-536-7133





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The Peabody Institute Libraries



Main Library
82 Main Street
978-531-0100
Mon.-Thurs. 9am-9pm
Fri. 9am-1pm
Sat. 9am-5pm
Sun. 1pm-5pm



South Branch Library
78 Lynn Street
978-531-3380
Mon. & Wed. 9am-6pm
Tues. 9am-9pm
Thurs. 12pm-9pm
Sat. 9am-2:30pm



West Branch Library
603 Lowell Street
978-535-3354
Mon. & Wed. 9am-6pm
Tues. 9am-9pm
Thurs. 12pm-9pm
Sat. 9am-2:30pm