

Crime Writer Harlan Coben to Speak at Literary Voices™

From his first Myron Bolitar mystery, *Deal Breaker*, to his New York Times bestseller, *Tell No One*, to his latest stand-alone thriller, *Caught*, Harlan Coben has built a reputation as what Dan Brown calls “the modern master of the hook and twist.”

Harlan Coben has won the *Mystery Writers of America’s Edgar Allan Poe Award* and was nominated for the Edgar two other times. Harlan also won the Anthony Award at the World Mystery Conference, was nominated for another Anthony Award, won the *Shamus Award* by the Private Eye Writers of America, was nominated for another Shamus, and was twice



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nominated for the *Dilys Award* by the *Independent Mystery Booksellers Association*.

Coben will be the guest speaker at the Library Endowment Trust’s annual event, Literary Voices™, on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. Volunteers and their families are invited to attend either the fundraising dinner on April 13 (tickets

range from \$125 to \$500) or the limited seating conversation with Mr. Coben, free admission, Wednesday morning, April 14, at the Downtown Library.

For more information, contact the MLS Development Office at 606-3760.

Time for Booksale 2010

The first Booksale of the new decade will be on us before you know it. As the first, this is the one that will set the pace for the next ten years, so we all want to make sure it sails along—make that “Booksales along”—smoothly.

It takes thousands of volunteers to mount a sale this size, and you know it’s worth the effort and man-hours because the proceeds benefit your Metropolitan Library System.

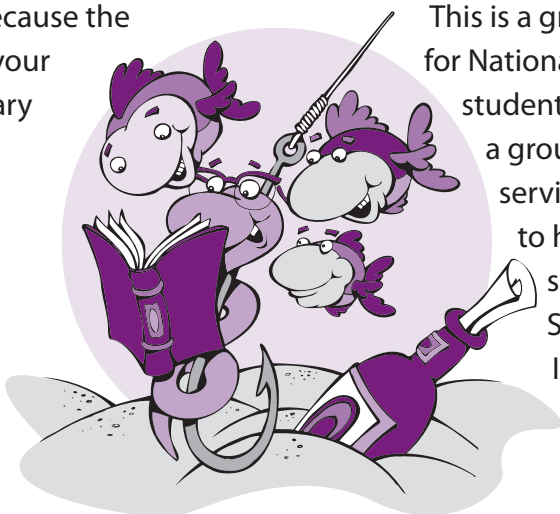
The 2010 sale will take place on February 19-21, but the presale arrangements and postsale arrangements are labor intensive,

too. Items will be moved to the State Fair Grounds beginning February 15th and everything needs to be moved out by February 22nd.

Volunteer forms can be located on the Friends website www.mlfriends.org. If you want to talk to someone about the event, call the Friends Coordinator, Siobhan Morava, at 606-3763.

This is a great opportunity for National Honor Society students to volunteer as a group to earn some service hours. Be sure to have your NHS sponsor contact Siobhan.

It’s friendly, it’s fun, and it helps a great cause.



Summer Begins in a Big Way

One of the first volunteer opportunities for the library’s annual Summer at the Library program is also one of the most essential: it’s stuffing the information packets that are given to each person who enrolls in Summer Reading. This has to be done in advance of the program’s opening day—can you imagine the chaos in 17 libraries if the library staff and volunteers tried to stuff those packets in the midst of hundreds of kids?

That’s why volunteers help every year by stuffing those Summer Reading packets in advance. Many of you have helped in years past, and you are needed again in 2010.

The five day Stuff-a-Thon will be held from May 3 through 7. There will be two daily shifts, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, and from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Free lunch will be provided and you can work one or both shifts, but please RSVP!

“Last year we stuffed 45,500 and this year we need to stuff 58,700,” said volunteer coordinator Heidi Port. “We need about 25 people per day. It’s a great opportunity to work with your friends or meet new ones, and help the library get ready for its biggest event of the year.”

Need more information or want to schedule your shift? Give Heidi a call at 405-606-3762.

This One's For You!

Fifty-two weeks out of every year you're on the front lines of volunteering. You donate your time to helping out at libraries, hospitals, and with other community organizations. But there's one week in April every year set aside so the community can say "Thank you."

National Volunteer Week 2010 falls between April 18-24. The National Day was created in 1974 when President Richard M. Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. And every

year since that time, each U.S. President, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

National Volunteer Week is certainly a well-deserved pat on the back for you who give freely of your most precious possession—your time. Money can be replaced. Time can't. But the celebration also reflects the power that volunteers have to "inspire by example"—volunteers both encourage those they help and motivate others to serve.



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out each time you volunteer
at the library!*