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## **Columnist and ESPN Commentator Doug Glanville Will Speak at Hartford Public Library's Annual Meeting**



HARTFORD, Connecticut (September 25, 2014) –Author, columnist, and sports analyst Doug Glanville will be the featured speaker at Hartford Public Library's Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 16. Glanville will speak to an audience of Library corporators, supporters, donors and local leaders on the topic: "Why Libraries Are a Home Run for Our Community."

A Hartford resident, Mr. Glanville played for the Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia Phillies and Texas Rangers between 1996 and 2004, and is the author of the much-praised baseball memoir *The Game From Where I Stand*. An accomplished writer and speaker, his articles appear frequently in the New York Times, Time.com and ESPN.com, and he is an analyst and commentator for ESPN. Earlier this year, Mr. Glanville's article, "I Was Racially Profiled in My Own Driveway," published by The Atlantic, sparked a national conversation on the continued prevalence and impacts of racial inequalities experienced by people of color in Connecticut and throughout the country.

Reading and education factor prominently in Mr. Glanville's philanthropic mission, and he works closely with organizations that promote reading among children and mentor high school athletes and their parents. The Cecil E. Glanville Scholarship Fund, founded in memory of Mr. Glanville's father, helps qualified students attend college.

"Doug is an exceptional member of the Hartford community and friend to the Library. His unique experiences and perspectives on the importance of inclusion, education, and self-determination are in direct alignment with our mission," said Matt Poland, CEO of Hartford Public Library. "I welcome all to join us for the unique opportunity to hear directly from an inspiring and genuine advocate."

The Annual Meeting is open to the public and will take place at 8:00 a.m. at the Downtown Library located at 500 Main Street, Hartford. For more information, please call 860-695-6348.

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