

Monday, September 19, 6:30pm EDT
Harbor Country Film Group with Eve Moran



This month's film, *The Lives of Others*, directed by Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck, won the Oscar for best foreign-language film of 2006. It is an elegant thriller set in East Berlin during the 1980s. This is a time when The Ministry for State Security, commonly known as the Stasi, ruthlessly and covertly intruded into the lives of East German citizens to weed out dissent and self expression. The story centers on an efficient Stasi agent assigned to spy on a respected playwright and his actress girlfriend. He performs well in tracking their every word and movement. But soon enough, this intense monitoring develops into something unexpected and very dangerous. Roger Ebert's review from September 20, 2007 gives *The Lives of Others* four stars. Expect this presentation to last about two-and-a-half hours. The Friends of the Library's Program Committee is working on getting seat cushions, but you may want to bring your own in case we cannot get them before this meeting. Free popcorn will be served.

And looking ahead...

Tuesday, September 20, 6:30pm EDT

Baseball: from Town Teams to Local Stars to the Big Leagues

Baseball is America's pastime, widely played and widely enjoyed. From Little Leagues to town teams to the big leagues, baseball has attracted players and fans for more than a century. In this wide-ranging presentation, Garry Lange, founder of the Biggest Little Baseball Museum in Three Oaks, covers amateurs and pros, baseball card collecting and a brief history of Blacks in baseball.

Presenter: Before starting the Baseball Museum--one floor above the library in Three Oaks--Garry Lange was an elementary school principal in that town. He claims that as a youth, his batting average hovered somewhere between his weight and his IQ.