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Museum of Printing History announces 2009 Book Fair Speakers

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Admission: \$5.00; Free for museum members.**

The Museum of Printing History has announced the special guest speakers for its Seventh Annual Houston Book Fair, to be held Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 10am to 5pm. Because of the popularity of the guest speaker lecture and book signing, the Museum has added a second speaker for this year's Book Fair.

Noted Texas food writer **Robb Walsh** will discuss his recent book, *Sex, Death & Oysters: A Half-Shell Lover's World Tour*, a chronicle of the author's "quest for the truth about the world's most profitable aphrodisiac" at 12:00 pm. At 2:00 pm, cinema historian **David Welling** will discuss his recent book *Cinema Houston*, a concise history of the theatres in Houston. Copies of both books will be for sale, available for signing by the authors.

Award-winning Houston food critic Walsh has earned the title "Indiana Jones of food writers" for his in-depth investigations from the perfect cup of coffee to barbeque battles. His quest to define the perfect oyster took him on a five-year adventure through oyster havens in the U.S., Canada and Europe, where he ingested thousands of oysters -- raw, roasted, barbecued, and baked—all for the sake of making a fair comparison. He also experimented and documents the appropriate accompanying libations from white wine to tequila.

At 2 pm, author David Welling explores the history of Houston movie theatres from early 20th-Century beginnings to the present. Hundreds of photos, clippings and advertisements document majestic lost movie palaces, Saturday morning matinees and summer nights at the drive-in. *Cinema Houston* vividly re-creates the movie-going experience, complete with midnight movie madness and concession stand favorites. Welling received the Houston Public Library's Julia Ideson award for *Cinema Houston* in 2008.

The Houston Book Fair has been growing in size and popularity since its debut in 2001 as a fund-raiser for the Museum. This year's line-up includes more than 20 U.S. dealers. Selections range from rare and collectible to moderately priced used books in a wide variety of subjects including children's books, Texana, mystery books, historical documents, out-of-print, first editions, comic books, antiquarian and many more categories. The Museum Gift Shop, Museum of Printing History Book Arts Guild and other local artists will be offering hand-made crafts for gift-giving options.

The Museum is located at 1324 W. Clay, one block west of Montrose and a half mile south of Allen Parkway. The Museum is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday; 10am-5pm. Admission is free. Permanent exhibits document history from the origins of printing on Mesopotamian clay tablets circa 3000 B.C. through pre-Gutenberg manuscript production, Gutenberg's invention of moveable type, printing of the Renaissance, the Age of Enlightenment and beyond. For more information, phone 713-522-4652 or visit the website, www.printingmuseum.org.

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