

# Great Read author to visit schools

An area author, whose re-telling of his father's incredible World War II story is being made into a major motion picture, will visit Plainfield students and teachers this winter.

Gary Moore, whose book "Playing with the Enemy" is this year's pick for The Great Read, will visit Lakewood Falls and Creekside Elementary schools Tuesday, Dec. 16.

The Great Read is supported by a grant from the Plainfield Foundation for Excellence and is a joint effort of District 202, the Fountaindale Public Library, Joliet Public Library and the Plainfield Public Library.

Moore's book tells the story of his father, Gene Moore, a native of Sesser, Illinois.

A baseball prodigy, Gene Moore's dreams of a big-league career were derailed by World War II.

After the war made him miss out on his big break with the Brooklyn Dodgers, he found himself playing baseball for the Navy and carrying out a special secret mission: teaching the enemy how to play baseball while they waited for the war to end.

The movie version of his story, set for a spring release, stars his grandson, actor Toby Moore.

Gary Moore will visit Lakewood Falls, 14050 S. Budler Road, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to talk with fourth- and fifth-grade students.

After visiting with students for about a hour, he will move



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## Author signing at Plainfield library

"Playing with the Enemy" author Gary Moore shakes the hand of Kim Jackson, who appeared alongside Moore to sign copies of her book, "Journaling: The Footprints of Your Life." Other area writers who were part of the Nov. 8 author signing at the Plainfield Public Library were Tim and Michelle Smith ("Plainfield" postcard history), John and Lenore Weiss ("Traveling the New Historic Route 66 of Illinois"), Anne Felt ("C.O.A.C.H.: Caring for One Another Creates Healing"), Kevin Franz ("Castle Rose Adventures") and K. Osborn Sullivan ("Stones of Abraxas"). The signing was a part of downtown Plainfield's grand re-opening of Lockport Street.

on to Creekside, 13909 S. Budler Road.

For more information on The Great Read program, including

a calendar of upcoming events, visit the District 202 Web site at [www.learningcommunity202.org](http://www.learningcommunity202.org).