

Washington Correspondent Slated As Next Library Speaker

James Rosen, the State Department and Washington correspondent for the Fox News Channel, will be the next guest in the Lackawanna County Library System's Library Lecture Series.

He will speak on Friday, September 16 at 7 p.m. at the Scranton Cultural Center. His talk is free to anyone who holds a Lackawanna County Library System library card. He has titled his talk "Watergate to 9/11 and Beyond: A Reporter's Take."

Rosen has ties to the area. He is married to the former Sara Durkin, daughter of Joseph and Lorraine Durkin of Clarks Summit.

"We are pleased to expand our lecture series, which is new this year, to the field of public affairs," said Mary Garm, Library System administrator. "James Rosen has been close to the scene as a great deal of our recent history unfolded. His presentation should be of great interest to library patrons and members of the community."

Rosen joined Fox in 1999 and was assigned to the White House. He covered the final days of the Clinton presidency and the first term of President George W. Bush. As State Department correspondent, he accompanied Condoleezza Rice on her first foreign trip as secretary.

Throughout his career, Mr. Rosen has scored a number of journalistic firsts including an exclusive interview with Sandra Day O'Connor, during which the justice gave viewers a glimpse inside the court during the Bush v. Gore case.

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Before he joined Fox, Rosen was a researcher for CBS News anchor and managing editor Dan Rather. Earlier, he served as an associate producer at WWOR-TV in New York; a field and control room producer at NY-1 News, also in New York; an anchor/reporter for WREX-TV (NBC) in Rockford, Illinois; and an anchor-reporter for News12/The Bronx.

In addition to his television career, Rosen is a writer. His book, "The Strong Man:

John Mitchell, Nixon and Watergate," will be published by Doubleday in July 2006. He has written articles and essays that have appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the New York Daily News, the New York Post, New York Newsday, Atlantic Monthly, Harper's, National Review, the Weekly Standard, the American Bar Association Journal, and the Yale Biographical Dictionary of American Law.

A Brooklyn native, Rosen earned his bachelor's degree in political science from The Johns Hopkins University and his master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. In 2003, he was named "Funniest Celebrity in Washington."

The Library Lecture Series began in April with a talk by novelist Phillip Margolin. Cookbook author and television host David Rosengarten spoke in July. The final speaker in the series will appear in the fall.

A committee of librarians from the seven community libraries in the county system planned the series using circulation figures and frequently requested topics to guide their choices.

The lecture series is supported by the Lackawanna County Office of Education and Culture and is part of the art, literature and performance collaboration of the Lackawanna County Library System, the Scranton Cultural Center and the Everhart Museum.

According to Garm, tickets will be required for admission to the event. They can be obtained by showing a valid library card at any Lackawanna County Library System library, the Scranton Cultural Center box office or the Everhart Museum.