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GET A "BEHIND THE SCENES" LOOK AT JOHN K. KING USED AND RARE BOOKS WITH THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S SATURDAY TOURS

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Visit Detroit's own book collector's haven

DETROIT – The Detroit Historical Society continues their Behind the Scenes Saturday Tour series with a visit to the John K. King Used and Rare Books store downtown. Due to popular demand, there will be two tours this year on Dec. 8 and 15 at 10 a.m.

Visitors will get a behind-the-scenes view of John K. King Used and Rare Books' main location on West Lafayette, gaining access to the Rare Books Room, a basement full of books awaiting cataloging and more. The tour gives wonderful insight into Detroit's thriving worldwide book distributor.

Last month, John K. King Used and Rare Books was named Best Independent Book Store by the MetroTimes, and certainly lives up to that title. Established as a company in 1965, John King opened his first store in Dearborn in 1971. After a short time of renting in the Michigan Theater, King bought his own building in 1983. He purchased the abandoned four-story Advanced Glove factory on West Lafayette that is now the company's main location. John K. King Used and Rare Books also has two satellite stores in Detroit's Cultural Center and Ferndale. These stores hold a book collector's dream, shelves full of books that can't be found at a chain bookstore. With such a wide collection, King's customers are as diverse as the books, coming from all walks of life and all around the world.

The cost for either of these great tour events is \$20 for Society members and \$25 for guests. Reservations are limited, and advance registration is highly recommended. Payment must accompany your reservation. Telephone reservations can be accepted with a VISA or Mastercard Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No tickets are sold on the day of the tour.

For more information or to reserve your spot for the Detroit Historical Society's Behind the Scenes Saturdays or other 2007 events, call (313) 833-7935, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

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