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“Latinos and Baseball: In the Barrios and the Big Leagues” is a multi-year collecting initiative to identify artifacts that reflect the social and cultural influence of the game in Latino communities. Framingham State University invites the Latino and wider community to share items related to their personal baseball experiences, or of their favorite Latino baseball players.

The event is open to community and will be marketed to MetroWest, Central and Northeast areas of Massachusetts. The community collecting initiative is the main event. Attendees will bring personal artifacts which digital curators will scan or photograph. The digital image will be saved on a flash drive and then given to the participant. The digital files will be added to an online collection in Framingham State’s digital repository - Digital Commons at Framingham State University http://digitalcommons.framingham.edu/. Attendees will also have the opportunity to consult with a Smithsonian curator about donating their artifact to the Smithsonian.

In addition to the collecting initiative, Framingham State added associated activities to drive attendance to the event. The event will feature former baseball player Luis Tiant and the Red Sox curator who will showcase several Red Sox artifacts. For more details please see guide: http://libguides.framingham.edu/latinosandbaseball

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