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# Press Release

Former World Champion and chess legend Garry Kasparov visits Kansas City for discussion of freedom on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at the Plaza branch of the Kansas City Public Library.

The festivities began early that evening. The library parking lot was already starting to get full about 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. The library provided a nice assortment of finger food and refreshments for the attendees.

There were a lot of high profile people at the event including Mr. Siquefield and Mayor Funkhouser who of course is a chess fan.

After a little hobnobbing with the chess folks in attendance it became clear that the night had a festival quality and that there may not be enough seats for everyone that showed up. I believe they had about 500 people there.

The evening began with Mr. Kemper providing a nice 10 minute introduction of Garry and his resume. Then we listened to Kasparov speak for about 40 minutes on such topics as Russian politics, American politics, and politics as it relates to a democracy and a free society.

Kasparov is of course a very energetic speaker, it's no wonder to see why he was chosen by his political affiliation as the head and mouthpiece of their organization.

Then Kasparov agreed to a 20 minute question and answer series which proved to be quite entertaining because we had the opportunity to see Kasparov think on his feet which he of course he proved more than capable.

Lastly, the audience was allowed to have Kasparov sign books or other articles. That lasted about 30 minutes and judging from the line, it could have lasted longer.

Garry was very generous with his time chatting with anyone who would strike up a conversation with him.

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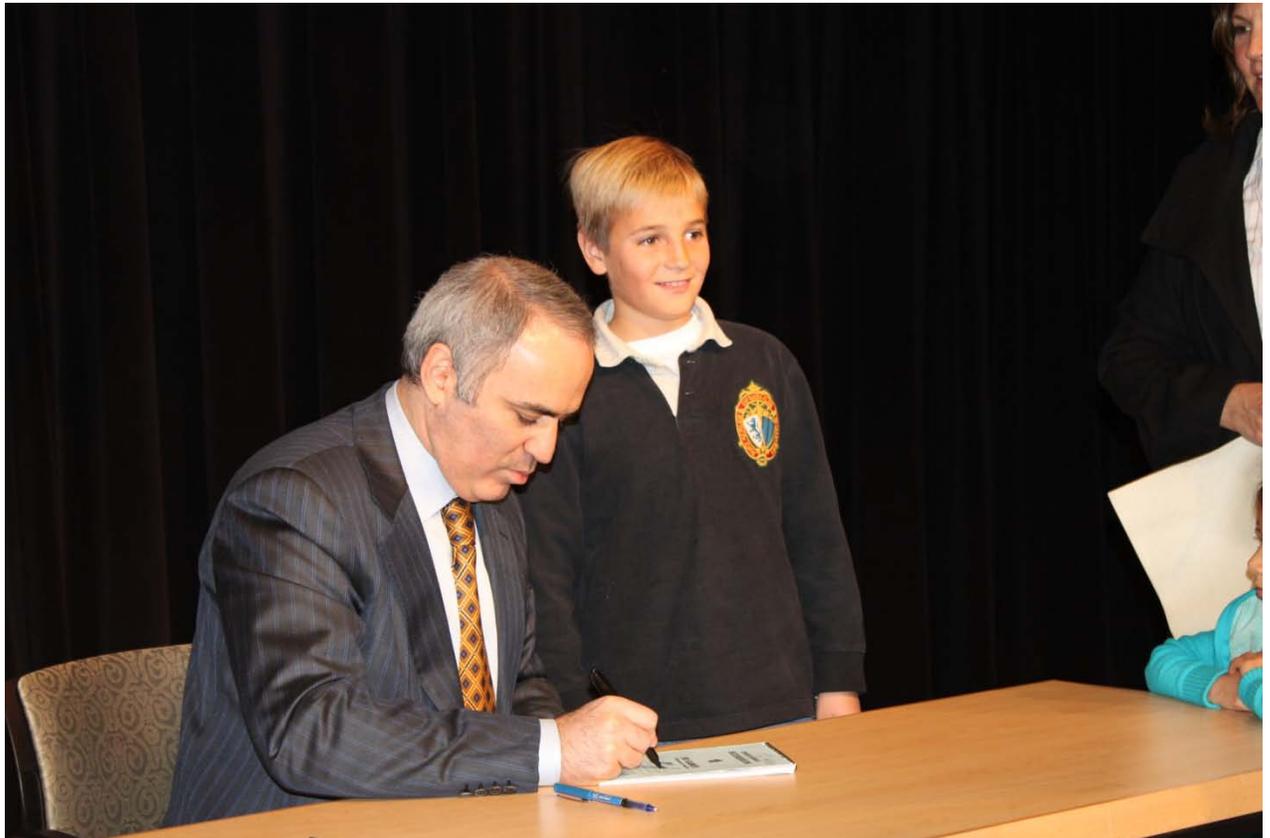
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In the end it was a terrific evening and one that I know I will never forget. It's pretty special just to get to meet Kasparov, but it's another thing when he shows up in your backyard.

I know a lot of my students were fortunate enough to get items signed. Most people will never get the opportunity to meet such a famous chess celebrity.

Link:

<http://www.kclibrary.org/?q=event/garry-kasparov-liberty-it-s-your-move>



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