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Bookbinders' Guild Supports Literacy in New York

The Bookbinders' Guild of New York, New York's most prestigious book publishing organization, will sponsor a silent auction on Tuesday, October 11, 5:30-8:00 p.m., at Café St. Bart's, Park Avenue at 50th Street. Dean Olsher of public radio's *The Next Big Thing* will be the host. Proceeds will benefit New York City adult literacy programs as part of the guild's ongoing Promote Literacy campaign.

"Bookbinders' Guild is committed to helping New York adults learn to read, write, and speak English," said Paul Stanley of Courier, Inc., one of the organizers of the silent auction. "We are proud to partner with the Literacy Assistance Center to support local literacy programs." Promote Literacy events sponsored by Bookbinders' Guild and its member organizations include an annual softball game in Central Park.

"Adult literacy programs often operate on a shoestring," said Elyse Barbell, executive director of the Literacy Assistance Center (LAC). "Bookbinders' Library Development Grants help them buy appealing new books for their students."

Bookbinders' Guild also co-sponsors the LAC's annual Literacy Recognition Award Ceremony with Scholastic, Inc. The ceremony, held every spring, honors outstanding literacy teachers, volunteers, and administrators.

Established in 1926, the Bookbinders' Guild of New York is a not-for-profit organization composed of professionals throughout the book publishing industry. It hosts the New York Book Show, monthly dinner meetings on current topics in book-related matters, and charitable events to Promote Literacy. www.bookbindersguild.org

The LAC is in its third decade of supporting the work of NYC programs in adult literacy, family literacy, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and GED preparation. The LAC also operates New York State's only Literacy Referral Hotline, which each year refers 15,000 individuals to adult education and employment training programs. www.lacnyc.org



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