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**Mystery Writers Convention, “Left Coast Crime: Booked In L.A.”
to Host Silent Auction Benefiting Los Angeles Public Library’s
Adult Literacy Program, March 11 - 14**

Left Coast Crime, an organization of mystery literature fans, announces that proceeds from a silent auction held during its mystery writers convention, “Booked in L.A.,” March 11 – 14 in Los Angeles will benefit the Los Angeles Public Library’s Adult Literacy Program, which is supported through the Library Foundation of Los Angeles.

This year’s event, at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel, 251 S. Olive St., will honor best-selling mystery writers Jan Burke and Lee Child. Author Bill Fitzhugh will serve as toastmaster and Janet Rudolph, editor of *Mystery Readers Journal*, will serve as the “fan guest of honor.”

The convention will feature panels, mystery book launches, awards presentation, a book collectors’ mall, and unique outings to experience L.A.’s “noir” literary history. Over 200 authors will be in attendance as well as representatives from publishing companies.

For more information or to make a donation to the silent auction, please contact Left Coast Crime at www.leftcoastcrime.org/2010 or Dawn Coppin of the Library Foundation at dcoppin@lapl.org.

The adult literacy program at the Los Angeles Public Library is one of the most comprehensive adult literacy programs of any public library in the state. The program helps English-speaking adults ages 16 and above through its literacy Web site at www.lapl.org/literacy and literacy centers located in 21 branches citywide. The centers offer self-guided and one-on-one literacy tutoring as well as electronic resources, books, audiotapes and videotapes. In addition to the literacy centers, all 73 libraries have a collection of literacy materials that support various stages of learning.

In 2009, approximately 1,000 literacy volunteer tutors worked with 1,600 adults citywide, with an average of 55 hours spent on each learner. Thousands more use the

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literacy print collections and self-paced teaching programs available through the Library's Web site.

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest population of any library in the country through its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, over six million books and other items, state-of-the-art technology, and its Web site (www.lapl.org). These resources and its more than 18,000 public programs provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

The Library Foundation of Los Angeles was incorporated in 1992 as a nonprofit organization with the mission of seeking private sector support to enrich the capabilities, resources, and services of the Los Angeles Public Library. The Library Foundation partners with the private sector to support programs and resources not included in the city budget. Among these are: summer reading programs for children and teens, after-school reading enrichment programs during the academic year, adult literacy programs, new technologies to provide the public with free and equal access to the latest in electronic information resources, exhibitions and cultural programs.

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