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Celebrate International Book Project's 60th Anniversary on September 19th

Join us at ArtsPlace for an unforgettable evening celebrating books, literacy, and the extraordinary impact of getting books into the hands of readers around the world.

Lexington, Kentucky (August 19, 2026) – Since 1966, Lexington-based nonprofit International Book Project (IBP) has been working to curb illiteracy worldwide by providing carefully curated shipments of free books to organizations working to improve literacy in their own communities. In 2026, IBP is celebrating its 60th anniversary and is thrilled to invite all book lovers to A Novel Evening: Celebrating 60 Years of Literacy to join in the festivities!

A Novel Evening, which will take place at 116 N Mill St. in downtown Lexington on September 19 from 6:30pm-9:30pm, will serve as both a celebration of IBP's legacy and as an energizing peek into its future. Patrons will enjoy an evening of music, book-themed games, a creative silent auction featuring dozens of local businesses, and more. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served by DaRae's Catering and attendees will also receive a drink ticket for a refreshing literary-themed cocktail crafted with Tito's Handmade Vodka. Don't forget to get your "passport photo" when you arrive—attendees who get every "passport stamp" will be entered to win a free yearlong subscription to Book of the Month! Tickets are just \$75, and proceeds will support International Book Project's continued literacy efforts at home and abroad. You can reserve your tickets here: <https://givebutter.com/c/a-novel-evening-celebrating-60-years-of-literacy-fnrldwp>

Dr. Tarun Handa, a faculty member at the University of Banja Luka, which recently received a shipment of medical textbooks from IBP says, "For many institutions, books are simply resources. For us, they are possibilities. They are a student discovering a new field of medicine. They are a young researcher finding the evidence that shapes tomorrow's innovation. They are countless evenings spent studying, questioning, learning, and growing. Most importantly, they are an enduring investment in human potential." Your attendance at A Novel Evening will be more than just an evening of book-themed fun—it will be an investment in the more literate future International Book Project is working to create.

A Novel Evening is sponsored by Salomon & Company, Traditional Bank, Shelia Bayes Fine Jewelers, West Sixth Brewing Company, and Tito's Handmade Vodka.

International Book Project is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Lexington, KY. Our mission is to develop lasting relationships with partners worldwide to increase literacy, promote cultural

understanding, and open doors to opportunity. Since 1966, we have sent more than 8 million books to 168 countries on every inhabited continent. IBP works to provide educational materials to the people who need them most - those with the least access. Our model is rooted in strong relationships, local capacity, and long-term impact.

For more information about International Book Project or to donate to support our mission, visit www.intlbookproject.org.

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