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# Born to Letter:

## *An Illustrated Lecture*

### *With Calligrapher Joke Boudens*

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 6 - 8 p.m.  
Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room  
Main Library, Lower Level

Joke Boudens was born in Bruges, Belgium, the eldest of five children who grew up surrounded by written and drawn letterforms. Joke's father was the first calligrapher in Belgium, and taught at several art academies. As children and young adults, none of the Bouden siblings took interest in what their father did. Still, in the end they all became calligraphers or letter carvers. Joke's father died in 1990 at the age of 64. Fortunately, at the end of his life he had known that some of his children were bitten by the lettering bug! Joke will talk about how it was to grow up in this family, how their interest in lettering was aroused and why, finally, each child chose to be some kind of lettering artist. Joke will illustrate her lecture with the work of her father and siblings, as well as a selection of her own work.

All programs at the Library are free.



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