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PRESS ADVISORY

D.C. FAMILY COURT LAUNCHES 'HOOKED ON BOOKS' PROGRAM

-- Family Court judges and staff to build bookshelves to get the program off the ground --

- WHAT:** Launch of the Family Court's new **Hooked on Books** program:
Family Court staff and judges will construct bookshelves to hold the books that will be given out to children in Family Court.
- WHERE:** Family Court,
JM-level of the Moultrie Courthouse,
500 Indiana Avenue, NW
- WHEN:** **Saturday, October 1, 2005 – 10am to noon**
- WHO:** **Chief Judge Rufus G. King**
Family Court Presiding Judge Lee Satterfield
Family Court Deputy Presiding Judge Anita Josey-Herring
Other Family Court judges
Family Court employees
- WHY:** *Hooked on Books* was developed to encourage literacy and life-long learning by children that come to the Family Court.

The D.C. Family Court and the Friends of Superior Court are launching this new initiative to ensure that every child that comes to Family Court is given a book. The program will provide youth of all ages with an opportunity to get hooked on books, to develop a passion for reading that will benefit them throughout their lives. The program will expose children at younger and younger ages to reading, tempt and at times require older children and teens to read, and encourage parents to read to their pre-schoolers.

- PHOTOS:** *Cameras will be allowed into the courthouse for the purpose of taking pictures of this event. Request for permission to bring a camera in must be made in advance to Leah Gurowitz at the number listed above.*

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