



**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**
Women building better communities

Dear Community Friends,

As the Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri kicks off the 12th year of the Hooked On Books program, there are many ways you can volunteer to make a difference in the life of a child who needs a book. We are looking for schools to help donate books through the Junior League of Kansas City, Missouri's Hooked on Books School Challenge program. What happens to the books once they are collected? How do they reach the children who need them?

Once all of the books are collected and delivered to the book storage warehouse (Sterling Warehouse), Junior League volunteers will partner with other community organizations to sort the books by grade level. Book sorting shifts are three hours long and include instruction by Hooked on Books committee members on the process of sorting and even how to determine a book's grade level. Middle School and High School students are excellent sorters. Church groups, civic organizations, and clubs also volunteer their time to come out to the book storage warehouse and sort books. If you are involved with an organization that would like to help us sort books for the children who need them, please call the Hooked on Books Hotline at 816-997-8370.

After the book sorting is complete, we are able to give the books to the teachers who requested them for their students. Throughout the fall, teachers can access the Hooked on Books website and request books for their children. Teachers will arrive at the book storage warehouse (Sterling Warehouse) to meet Hooked on Books committee members who will help them load all of the books into their vehicle. At long last, the teachers will distribute the books to their students who eagerly await the book delivery. Children are allowed to take the book home as their very own and share it with their families.

If you or your organization would like to help Hooked On Books in any of these ways, please check out the website at www.jlkc.org or call the hotline at 816-997-8370. Thank you for taking the time to impact your community!

Sincerely,

Patty Griffith
Hooked on Books co-chair 2009-2010

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