



*Residents from five of DJJ's SEEDS group homes receive library cards and borrow books from the New York Public Library's Kingsbridge Road branch.*

### **SEEDS Kids Receive Library Cards During Visit to New York Public Library**

On Friday, August 10th, the New York Public Library's Kingsbridge Road branch in the Bronx closed to the public to host residents from five of the Department's non-secure detention group homes.

Nearly forty SEEDS kids met with library staff and learned about the enormous resources offered by the library, perused the book selection at the Kingsbridge branch, borrowed books that they were able to take back to their group homes, and each was issued a library card which they will be able to use during future visits.

The SEEDS visit is part of the New York Public Library's Summer 2007 'Uncover the World' reading program that is designed to promote reading among the City's young people.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the kids to find books that they will enjoy reading during their stay at DJJ," Director of Programs Sonia Galarza said. "After they leave SEEDS, their new library cards will enable them to borrow books anytime they like. We are so appreciative to the New York Public Library for extending this special opportunity to our kids."

DJJ Director of Programs Sonia Galarza and SEEDS Operations Liaison Antonio Fonseca accompanied the residents to the New York Public Library's Kingsbridge Road branch. SEEDS is comprised of 17 group homes.

