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Fall 2017

"A partnership of the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation, the Dollywood Foundation, and the Sullivan County Imagination Library."

85% of Eligible Preschool Children Now Registered—Thanks to YOU!

Our Vision:

Imagine the benefits to children and to society if all kindergarteners started school loving books and reading!



Over 6,500 children receive monthly Dolly Parton Imagination Library books in Sullivan County!

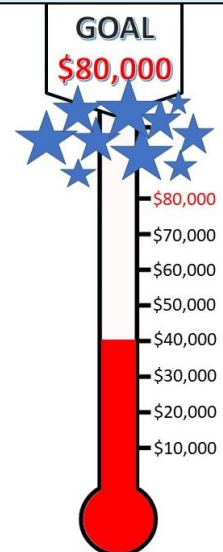
Thanks to all who share our vision and help with registration:

- **Parents** know how excited their preschool children get when they receive a free book every month in the mail, so they register their children online at imaginationlibrary.com.
- Over 30 **community partners** have registration brochures at their locations and actively ask parents if children are registered.
- **Birthing Centers** at all local hospitals either register children or put brochures in "new parent" packets.
- The **Department of Human Services** registers all foster children.
- The **SCIL** has **registration/information events** at many locations throughout the year.

One of our board members told this story: "One day at Food City I saw a little boy riding in the bottom of a grocery cart. I asked his mother if he got the Imagination Library books each month. The little boy immediately said, 'It was about a BULL!' His mother said that this month's book was *Ferdinand*, and he had enjoyed it so much they had to read it over and over." Do you remember having a favorite story?

The Price of Success:

- The Sullivan County Imagination Library is an all volunteer 501 (c) (3) nonprofit with no office and no paid staff. Over **95% of the money you donate goes directly to pay for the books mailed to local children.**
- Because of special pricing arranged by the Dollywood Foundation and matching funding from the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation, the local cost is only \$1.05 per book. **However, in order to pay for the books this year, we must raise over \$80,000. Presently, we have only 1/2 of the amount needed.**
- See the 2016 Honor Roll of Contributors on pages 2 & 3 for all the wonderful donors we had last year. Please join this group of individuals, foundations, and businesses who care about the literacy of the next generation of children. **See the enclosed donation envelope for details on making your tax-deductible gift to the children of our area.**



2016 Honor Roll of Contributors: You sponsored 72,681 books in 2016!

**** = Putt Putt for Readers Sponsor**

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(\$15,000 - \$24,900)

Carrie Schwartz

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Appalachian Regional Commission

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Joe Manley

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in honor of Carrie Schwartz

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ORANGE BOOK

(\$10 - \$99)

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 Friends of the Colonial Heights Public Library
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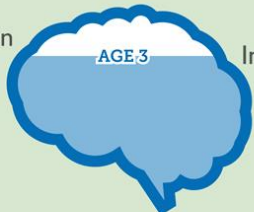
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Did you know.....

Children registered from birth to age five receive a library of 60 age-appropriate books.

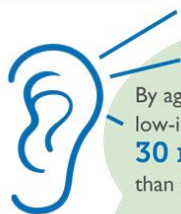
Reading aloud is widely recognized as the **single most important** activity leading to literacy acquisition.

A child's brain grows to **80% of its full size** by age 3.



In the first few years of life, a child's brain builds **700 connections per second.**

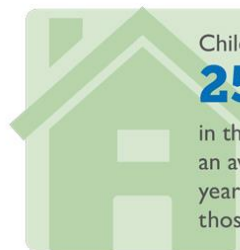
Reading to a child in an interactive style raises a child's IQ by **6 points**



By age three, children from low-income families may hear **30 million** fewer words than their more affluent peers.

1:300

In middle income neighborhoods, the book to child ratio is **13 to 1**, compared to **1 to 300** in low-income neighborhoods.



Children with as few as **25 Books**

in the home complete an average of two more years of schooling than those with no books.



Vocabulary development by

age 3

has been found to predict achievement by third grade.



Only 43%

of TN 3rd graders are reading proficiently.

48%

of children in the United States are read to each day.



Infographic courtesy of the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation

Connect with the Sullivan County Imagination Library

- **Volunteer** with the Sullivan County Imagination Library. You choose the times and activities. Sign up on our website: <http://scimaginationlibrary.org/>
- "Like us" on **Facebook**: <http://Facebook.com/SullivanCountyImaginationLibrary/>
- See our **website** for more information on the SCIL: <http://scimaginationlibrary.org/>
- **E-mail** us at sullivancoimaginationlibrary@gmail.com
- Our **Mailing Address**: Sullivan County Imagination Library; P.O. Box 3045; Kingsport, TN 37664
- **Telephone number**: (423) 239-1100 (This number reaches the Colonial Heights Public Library, which receives and processes our calls as a community service.)
- **Register your child** for free monthly Imagination Library books at <http://www.imaginationlibrary.com>