



Sullivan County Imagination Library Newsletter



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

YOUR Donation helps bridge the "million word gap" for local children

Our Vision:

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

What is the Million Word Gap?

"Young children whose parents read them five books a day enter kindergarten having heard about 1.4 million more words than kids who were never read to. This 'million word gap' could be the one key to explaining differences in vocabulary and reading development," a recent Ohio State study found.

Local evidence that the SCIL helps bridge the million word gap:

A 2017 impact study with the Kingsport City schools compared SCIL Imagination Library "graduates" with children who did not receive the Imagination Library books during their pre-kindergarten years. The impact was striking. Entering kindergarten students who were in the SCIL program for at least three years scored an average of 6-7% higher on all three entrance tests than students who were not SCIL "graduates."



Support United Way in your community. United way funding provides 30% of the SCIL yearly budget.



Because of YOU, beloved books arrive in children's mailboxes every month, from birth to age five.

Delightful story posted on the SCIL Facebook page:

"Every time they would see the moon, my daughter (age 8), son (age 3), and my parents would blow kisses to the moon (and each other.) As Big Nutbrown Hare says, "I love you to the moon...and back." We were so excited to receive *Max and the Tagalong Moon* this month reminding my kids that their grandparents love them, even though they are miles apart."

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Sullivan County Imagination Library is an **all-volunteer** 501c3 nonprofit with no personnel costs. 94% of your donation is used to pay for the 6,400 age-appropriate books we mail each month to local children from birth to age five.
- Because of matching funding from the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation and special pricing by the Dollywood Foundation, our costs are only a little over \$12.00 per child, per year. **See the enclosed donation envelope for all the ways you can help.**



For Jan, it was always about spreading the joy of reading to children.

The SCIL mourns the passing of Jan Miles. Jan was a co-founder of the SCIL in 2004, served as president for five years, and was a driving force on the Board of Directors until her retirement in 2015. She oversaw the organization from its first mailing of 312 books in 2005 to its present enrollment of 6,400 children. **What an incredible impact she had on children's lives!**

2018 Honor Roll of Donors: YOU made it all possible!

GOLD BOOK

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

Carrie Schwartz, Bunco Table Sponsor
and gift in memory of Jan Miles

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(\$100 - \$499)

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in honor of her mom, Arlene Evans

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in memory of Flora Fish and in honor of
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2018 Honor Roll of Donors (continued)

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Orange BOOK, continued

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Alan Gamble
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in memory of Flora Fish
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Dr. Stephen Marrs
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Zollie Miles: in memory of Jan Miles
Jackie & Wendell Millsap:
in memory of Jeane Clay
Elliott Moore
Jim & Laura Morse
Amy Neale
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Wanda O'Neal: in memory of Flora Fish
Dr. and Mrs. George J. O'Neill
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Orange BOOK, continued

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in memory of Flora Fish and in honor of
Jan Miles
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Victoria Welch
Joan Williams
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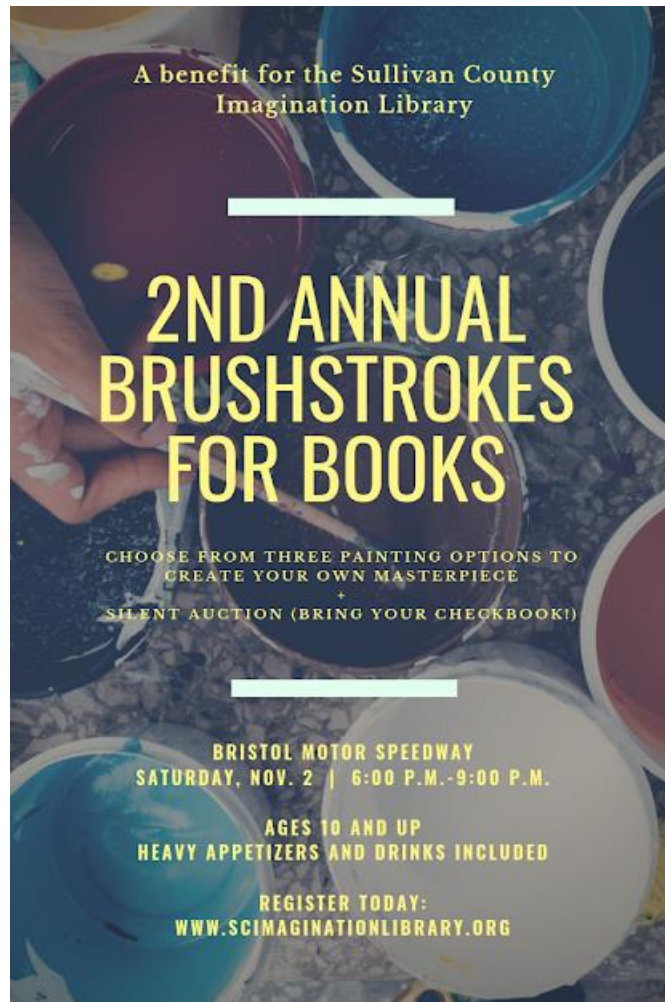
Flora Jean Fish

Jan. 23, 1937 - Jan. 25, 2018

The SCIL mourns the loss of Flora Fish, charter member of our Board of Directors, serving continuously in many capacities since 2004. She is responsible for starting the Bunco parties, with the help of members of the Delta Pi Chapter of ESA International. Held each year since 2011, the Bunco party has grown from 47 attendees and \$1,300 in profit in 2011, to the 2019 event hosting 130 attendees and over \$11,000 in profit. We owe much to Flora and her commitment to the SCIL.

Mark your calendars! You are invited....

Enjoy an unforgettable evening in Bristol to support early childhood literacy!



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/>
- Follow us on **Instagram**: [sullivanimagination1](https://www.instagram.com/sullivanimagination1)
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- **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>