

Sullivan County Imagination Library Newsletter



Birth



to 5



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Walk, Run, Stroll, or Donate: You are the key to our success!

Join us at scenic, level Domtar Park in Kingsport for our first Book it, Baby! 5K Run/Walk

When:

Sunday, August 11, 2013

Time:

5:00: children's games and strollerthon

6:00: 5K run/walk

Location:

Domtar Park

1313 Riverport Road,
Kingsport

Fee:

\$20 advanced registration for timed race; \$25 on day of event

\$10 for untimed race participants and children

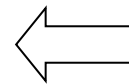
Book it, Baby!



Prizes for winners in all age categories!

Fee includes:

Event Tee Shirt, with the Book it, Baby! logo



Refreshments

Register and see a course map at www.werunevents.com

If you aren't able to attend the race, use the enclosed envelope to send in a tax-deductible donation today. **Even better: Donate AND attend the race!**

For more information, call 239-8242 or see our website: www.scimaginationlibrary.org



Each dollar you contribute:

-Pays local costs for one wonderful, age-appropriate Imagination Library book, which is mailed to a preschool child in Sullivan County each month. (**\$60 buys the entire library of 60 books.**)

-Is matched by the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation.

-Will be used exclusively to buy Imagination Library books and registration materials. The Sullivan County Imagination Library is an all-volunteer 501 c 3 organization, with no paid staff. 98% of all donations are used for the books, postage, and registration brochures. (Plus, your contributions are tax-deductible.)

Our Vision:

Imagine the benefits to children and to society if all kindergarteners arrived at school loving books and reading.

Successes made possible because of your donation:

1. **56,391 free books were mailed to Sullivan County preschool children in 2012.** Since the beginning of the SCIL, we have mailed 454,469 wonderful, age-appropriate Imagination Library books for Sullivan County parents to read to their children.
2. In 2012, **1,181 Sullivan County children graduated from the Imagination Library program on their 5th birthday. They are now attending school better prepared, because they were read to as preschoolers.**
3. Because children are constantly dropping off our rosters when they reach their 5th birthday, we are continuously challenged throughout the year to find and register new children in the birth-to-age-five age group. In 2011, we registered a total of 1,514 new children. In 2012, we registered a total of 1,747, a **15.4% gain from the previous year.**
4. **We distributed over 500 returned, undeliverable Imagination Library books to agencies that serve low-income families.** We make a special effort to reach those children who may not have a permanent address and who may not be receiving the Imagination Library books in the mail.

Have fun and support early childhood reading !**Join us for a Bunco Party!**

Monday, September 30, 2013

Check-in/ social time: 6:30; Games begin at 7:00

**Location: First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall,
100 W. Church Circle, Kingsport**

Delicious snacks! Prizes!

Bunco is a fun game for all ages. (Instructions provided prior to start of play.)

Hosted by Delta Pi Chapter of ESA International

Minimum Donation Requested: \$12

(\$12 sponsors one year of free books for one child in Sullivan County.)

**Thank you!**

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Connect with Us:

- "Like us" on Facebook: <http://Facebook.com/SullivanCountyImaginationLibrary/>
- Check out our website: <http://scimaginationlibrary.org/>
- Sign up to receive our quarterly e-newsletter. Put your e-mail address on the enclosed donation envelope, or e-mail us at scimaginationlibrary@yahoo.com,
- Our Mailing Address: Sullivan County Imagination Library; 149 Pactolus Road; Kingsport, TN 37663
- Telephone number: (423) 239-1100
- Register your child for Imagination Library Books at <http://www.imaginationlibrary.com/>

GOLD BOOK

Carrie M. Schwartz

PURPLE BOOK

Eastman Chemical Company
Foundation

Speedway Children's Charities

United Way of Greater Kingsport

RED BOOK

Kingsport Community
Foundation, of the East
Tennessee Foundation

YELLOW BOOK

Citizens Bank

Delta Pi Chapter of ESA
International, sponsors of
Bunco party to benefit the SCIL

Eastman Credit Union

Massengill-DeFriece Foundation

Jan Miles

Charlotte Thweatt

Walmart #742 (Stone Dr.
Kingsport)

WHITE BOOK

Bank of Tennessee

Belk Charity Sale ticket sales

John McKamey

Chris and Anna Manley

Adair Murdoch

BLUE BOOK

Alpha Delta Kappa, Beta Gamma
Chapter

Arrington, Schelin, & Herrell,
P.C., Attorneys at Law

Jack & Evelyn Bales

Helen Baylor

Jane Bellamy

Rhoda Bliese

Books A Million

Carol Briggs

Kay Brown

Blue book, continued

Buffalo Ruritan Club

Claudia Byrd

John & Gail Campbell

Betsy B. Carrier, in honor of Jane
Bellamy

Paulette F. Fielden, in memory of
Dr. Daniel R. Fielden

Stanley & Flora Fish

Anna Gamble

Brett & Jennie Hodge

Holston Ruritan Club

Wanda John

Barbara Lovelace

Barbara Maston

Nedra & Herb McChrystal

Jon & M'Liss Mather

Barbara H. McCants, in honor of
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Manley &
Madalyn

Jim & Laura Morse

Newcomers and Friends Club of
Bristol TN/VA

Optimist Club of Lynn Garden

Optimist Club of Piney Flats

Piney Flats Community Chest

Piney Flats Ruritan

Melissa Rawlston

Richard & Suzanne Rollins, in
memory of our parents

Joe and Beth Smith

T.A. & Kitty Smith

Sherry M. Weaver, in honor of Jan
Miles

Mary Jo Wolfe

ORANGE BOOK

G. Curtis Akard

Scottie Akard

Sam & DeLois Anderson

Orange Book, Continued

Alan Anderson of Signature
Properties, in honor of Joshua
and Jennifer McCroskey

John Bellamy & Tim Bradshaw

Doris Bittinger

Wilma Boy

James "Moe" Brotherton

Phyllis Cairnes

Yvonne Cantrell

Amy Carter

Mrs. David A. Casey

Cameron L. Cobb, in honor of
Gail Cobb

Anne & Ben Cowan

Lois Cox

Ralph & Kathe Crawford, in
memory of Joyce Russell

Charlotte DeVault

Dr. & Mrs. Daniel M. Dietrich

Barbara DuBois

Bill & Joan Edwards

Maria Evans

Margaret Feierabend

Paula Fish

Barbara Foust

Lynn & Carol Francisco

Wendell (Dell) Gates, in honor of
Juanita Stewart

Roger & Agnese Goin

Yvonne Gross, in memory of
Allen Gross

Jane Harris

Kim Horne

Shirley Jackson, in memory of
Robert F. Jackson

Elaine Jones

Judith Lester

Jennifer Light, in honor of Mrs.
Connie Wade & Mrs. Julia
Chatman

Orange Book, Continued

Betty Mason

Barbara Maston, in memory of
Mary S. James

Larry and Barbara Maston, in
memory of Ray Lopp

Brenda Moriarty

Jade & Mimi Morrison, in
memory of Sue Paulsen

Margaret Muller

Ada B. Newman

Dusty Newman

Dorothy B. Newsome

Wanda O'Neal

Betty Parise, in memory of
Deborah Parise

Mayme Pecktol

Gail Preslar

David Prewitt

Susan S. Rawlston

Carolyn Hamilton Reynolds

Jeff Schiller, in honor of Vireo
Schiller, Larry & Debbie Schiller,
Aaron & Denise Schiller

Susan & Tad Schwartzberg, in
memory of Jack Siegel

Lois Sill, in honor of my
grandchildren

Kathy & John Singleton

Joe & Beth Smith, in honor of
Rhoda Bliese, for outstanding
service as SCIL president

Craig Smith

Mary H. Stewart

Robert & Kathrine Stoots

David & Debbie Taylor

Mary Tennant

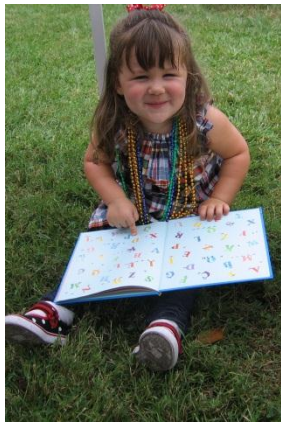
Winona Tipton

Betty Trent

Dr. & Mrs. Harrison D. Turner

Debbie S. Weeden

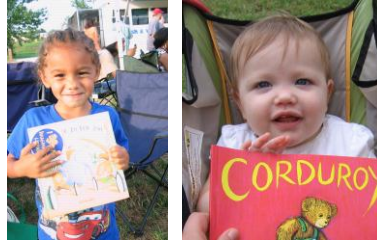
Sherry Williams



Samuel loves reading to his little brother.



SCIL Volunteers Register Children at Many Local Events:



- Kingsport's Fun Fest
- Sharky Kids Expo at Bristol Motor Speedway
- Kingsport City Schools Pre-K Registration
- Appalachian Fair
- Rhythm and Roots

The arrival of the Imagination Library book is an exciting event!

In our first newsletter, we featured Samuel, reading *The Little Engine that Could*. Now, Samuel has twin baby brothers. **His mother sent us a wonderful testimonial to the impact the books have on children:** "When Samuel got his May book a few days ago, he immediately asked where the babies' books were. I explained that we should get them the next day, and we did. Samuel couldn't wait to bring the books in the house and open them. Even though they were the same book, he insisted on reading Jacob's book to Jacob, and Isaac's book to Isaac. He opened it up in front of them and said, 'Once a-time.....' (instead of once upon a time...) It was so precious. **This has shown me another good aspect about this program, that wanting to read to younger siblings encourages reading.**"

Sullivan County Imagination Library Celebrates Milestones!

The Sullivan County Imagination Library welcomed **Governor's Books from Birth President Theresa Carl** to a celebration in the Eastman Room of the Sullivan County Public Library in Blountville. We had a lot to be happy about:

- ❖ **400,000 Imagination Library books mailed to Sullivan County Pre-School Children, without any cost to the parents**
- ❖ **The Sullivan County Imagination Library's 8th birthday**
- ❖ **Benefactor Carrie Schwartz honored for her personal and financial commitment to the Sullivan County Imagination Library**
- ❖ **Major corporate and individual donors presented with plaques expressing our appreciation for their support**

We wish to express our sincere thanks to SCIL board member Richard Venable, who was master of ceremonies, as well as to the representatives of the major donor companies and foundations who attended the celebration. (See complete list of 2012 contributors on p. 3 of this newsletter.)

For more information about the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation and how it supports the Imagination Library in the state of Tennessee, see <http://www.governorsfoundation.org/>