



Sullivan County Imagination Library Newsletter



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Celebrating 16 Years of Making a Difference in the Lives of Children

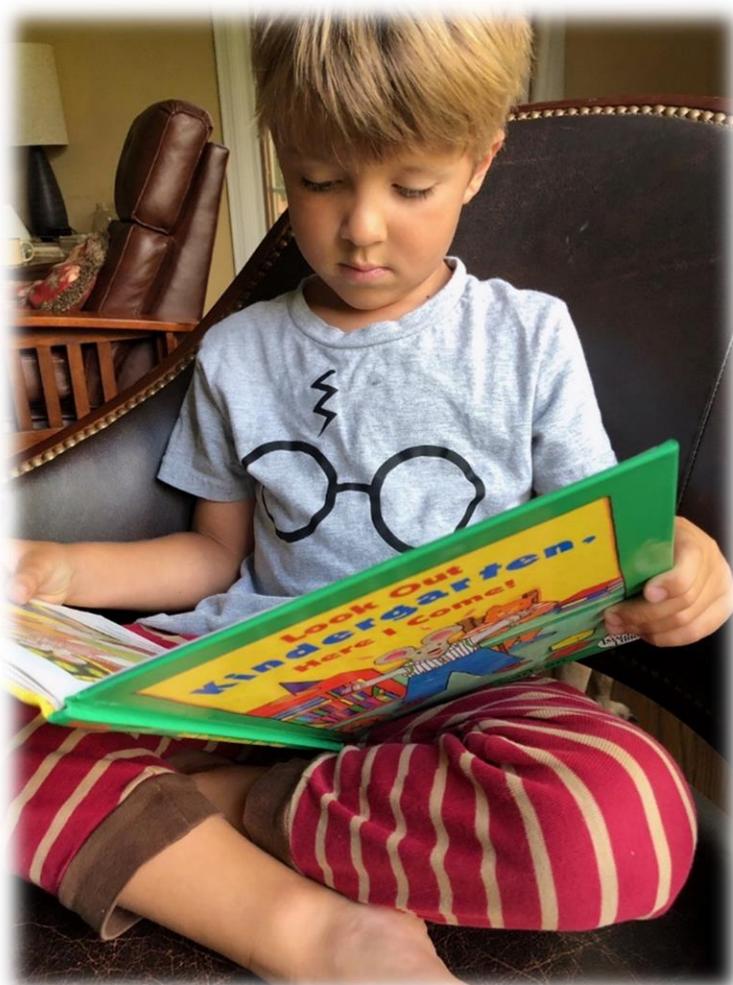
One Family's Story

A little over 11 years ago, we were blessed with our first son. As we were preparing for him, one of the first things we did was sign up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

The books helped build our now ever-growing children's home library with some amazing books. At first, I had one child in my lap, then there were two and then three. Our growing family created so many memories around waiting patiently for our new books to arrive.

All of our boys have such a love of reading now. We are so grateful to the Imagination Library for sparking that joy in them.

~ Erin R.



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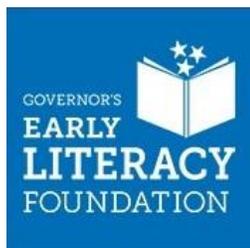


Five Fun Facts About Us

1. Did you know that Dolly Parton does *not* pay for our books? She created the Imagination Library, but every affiliate has to do its own fundraising and purchase its books. Our books cost approximately \$1 each to mail to a child.
2. Our chapter was founded in 2004, and has grown to 24 all-volunteer board members.
3. The “Imagination Library” is not a regular library. It means that each child who registers will be sent enough books to build their own personal library at home, to fuel their imagination. Hence the name: Imagination Library.
4. Dolly Parton founded the Imagination Library in 1996 to ensure that every child would have books at home, regardless of income.
5. We work hard to mail books because studies show that the more books in a child’s home, the more education that child goes on to complete.

**We mail almost 6,500 books to the children
of Sullivan County every month.**

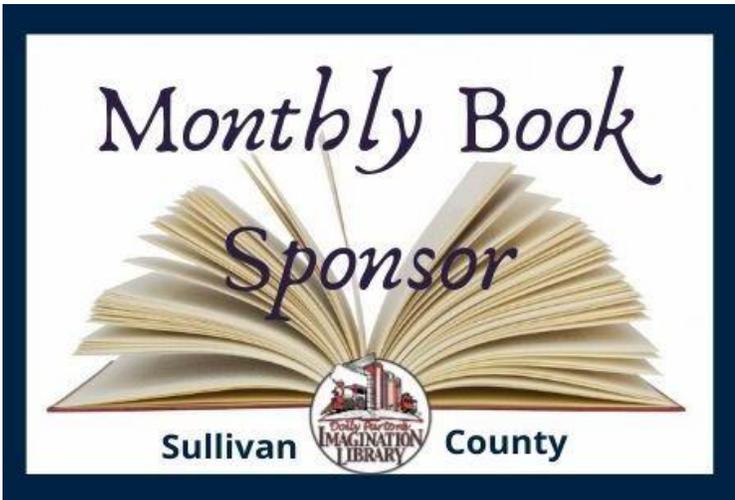
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We rely on the generosity of people just like YOU!



2020 has been a scary and uncertain time for us all. We have had to cancel our primary in-person fundraisers. Instead, we are asking you to consider signing up to become a **Monthly Book Sponsor**. We ask that you give only \$12 per month, a nominal amount for most people, but an amount that translates to 12 books every single month.

Testimonials from our Monthly Book Sponsors

I highly recommend donating via the Donorbox on the Sullivan County Imagination Library website. I was able to set up a reoccurring monthly donation using Apple Pay (could have used other credit cards as well). Easy and secure!

~ Matt Little, Van Huynh, and Hatchet



Testimonials from our Monthly Book Sponsors

When my children were little, I subscribed to several book clubs so that I could have new books each month to read to my kids. Now I have grandchildren on the way, and I choose to be a Monthly Book Sponsor for Sullivan County Imagination Library. My donation provides 12 books a year to one child, enabling that child to be exposed to the joy of reading and the world of books – which builds their vocabulary and sparks their imagination at the same time.

~ Martha Murray





Become a Monthly Book Sponsor today!

Why I Give

To be able to partner with Dolly, Sullivan County Imagination Library, and the many businesses that support them, I am delighted to do my small part as a Monthly Book Sponsor. I grew up in a very small town, and books were a big part of my life from the time I was in kindergarten. The Bookmobile came once a week and parked a block from my house. I couldn't wait to get inside and see the new book titles. I would go home and devour the 10-15 books I checked out. I learned so much about our world at an early age because of books. It is so important that we engage our children with books early in life. Good reading skills are so important in every aspect of life. I hope my small monthly contribution will help a child learn to love books.

~ Jeanette Huret

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