

# IMAGINATION LIBRARY



**FREE BOOKS DELIVERED TO A CHILD'S HOME EVERY MONTH**

United Way  
of Wyoming Valley

## WHAT IS THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY?



It sounds almost too simple to be true, but by reading regularly with your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education they will ever get.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is an early literacy initiative that provides new, age-appropriate books each month to children birth to age five – FREE of charge.

All families in the Wyoming Valley with children under the age of five are eligible to enroll in the program, regardless of household income.

## HOW DO I ENROLL A CHILD?

Parents and guardians can enroll children age birth through five in one of the following ways:

- » Contact Ashley Morrow, Community Impact Manager at (570) 270-9109.
- » By completing a registration form available at the Osterhout Free Library.

Children receive their first book within eight to ten weeks after enrollment, and will continue to receive a book each month until the age of five as long as they reside in the Wyoming Valley.

## WHY IS THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY IMPORTANT?

- » The birth to age six years are the most crucial for the beneficial development of the individual, as well as the prevention of later destructive behaviors.
- » The early years are the learning years, and early investment in a child matters to everyone.
- » A child who has trouble reading in 3rd grade is less likely to graduate from high school. When kids can't catch up in school, we all pay the price.

## HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY?

- » Give the gift of reading and help create a foundation for success by helping to support early literacy
- » Sponsor a child for a year through a donation of \$30/child
- » Volunteer to help with early literacy activities
- » Be an advocate - tell your friends, neighbors and coworkers about this exciting program

## TALK. READ. PLAY. EVERY DAY!

In the time it takes to read a book at bedtime, thousands of new connections are created in a child's brain that help her read, write and communicate. Daily reading has a direct impact on a child's healthy development just like other routine activities such as eating, sleeping and brushing teeth.

We can prepare our kids for a lifetime of success in reading and learning simply by talking and sharing books together every day in the years before they start school.



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