

# Books have been and always will be an important part of our house.

-mother of a 3 year-old boy



Help us make a difference in the lives of Logan County's youngest children

Bringing books into the homes and lives of youngsters would not be possible without the contributions we receive from generous donors. Every gift we receive – no matter how small – is greatly appreciated.

## What is the Imagination Library?

The Imagination Library is a gift to every child enrolled. Each month a new, carefully selected book is mailed in the child's name directly to his or her home.

The Imagination Library was founded on three essential beliefs:

- The books are free to the families of children enrolled.
- The program is for all children in Logan County. No child is left out or singled out.
- Books are mailed in the child's name to their home to generate excitement and promote ownership.

**"I have two children, 3 years and 18 months old. We read a book every night before bed and now my 3 year old tries to read the books she has memorized to her little brother."**

**The Imagination Library is a partnership between the Dolly Parton Foundation, local educators, libraries, United Way and you.**

Inspiring a young reader is the perfect way to celebrate loved ones and special moments...

- In honor of a grandchild
- In memory of a loved one
- In honor of a favorite teacher or student
- To encourage the love of reading



A little money goes a long way:

**\$25** provides one child a book a month for one year.

**\$50** provides 12 months of books for two children.

**\$125** provides one child a book from the month of birth until his or her fifth birthday.

- \_\_\_ Comic Book Level  
Count us in for \$25 to provide one child a book per month for one year.
- \_\_\_ Novel Level  
Count us in for \$125 to provide five children a book per month for one year.
- \_\_\_ Dictionary Level  
Count us in for \$250 to provide ten children a book per month for one year.
- \_\_\_ Atlas Level  
Count us in for \$500 to provide 20 children a book per month for one year.
- \_\_\_ Encyclopedia Level  
Count us in for \$1,000 to provide 40 children a book per month for one year.
- \_\_\_ Library Level  
Count us in for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to provide \_\_\_\_\_ children a book per month for one year.  
(to calculate, multiply the number of children by \$25/year)
- \_\_\_ Please make this an annual donation for the next 5 years.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to: United Way of Logan County  
130 S. Main St. Suite 109  
Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

## Help support our effort to improve early childhood literacy in Logan County

Statistics and independent reports have shown Dolly Parton's Imagination Library drastically improves early childhood literacy for children enrolled in the program. Further studies have shown improved scores during early literacy testing.

- The percentage of children who do not read by themselves dropped from almost 90% to 75% during their participation in Imagination Library.
- The percentage of parents who do not read with their children dropped from nearly 12% to 1% during their participation in Imagination Library.
- Over 76% of parents reported improvements in vocabulary.
- Nearly 80% of parents reported that Imagination Library has caused them to spend more time interacting with their children.

**Your generous donation will go toward underwriting the cost of one book a month until age five for a child in Logan County. By giving to the Imagination Library, you are inspiring a young reader.**

## Literacy in Logan County

An alarming percentage of Logan County five-year olds who took the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment last fall were testing not ready to enter school.

- Bellefontaine City schools – 55%
- Benjamin Logan Schools – 52%
- Indian Lake Local Schools – 33%
- Riverside Local Schools – 46%

## Dolly Parton's vision

In 1996, Dolly Parton launched the Imagination Library to benefit the children of her home county in East Tennessee. She wanted children to be excited about books and to feel the magic that books can create. The Imagination Library became so popular that in 2000, she made the program available for replication to any community that was willing to partner with her to support it locally.

*Imagination Library is sponsored by:*



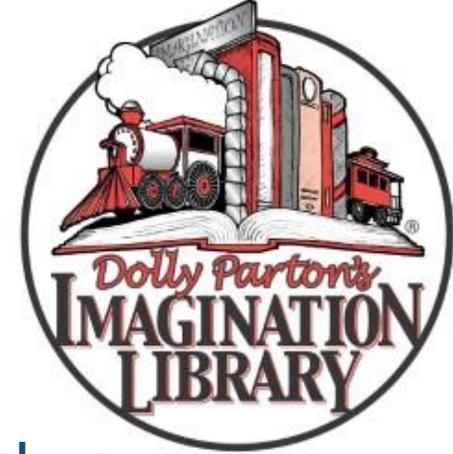
**AND OTHER LOCAL DONORS**

*For more information about Logan County's Imagination Library*

*Visit: [www.uwlogan.org](http://www.uwlogan.org)*

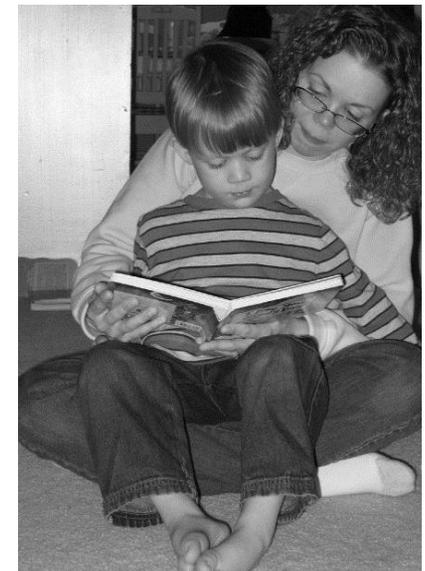
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**“Thank you for helping my child's library grow!”**

**Learn how you can support the Imagination Library and make a difference in the lives of all children in Logan County.**



**COMING TO LOGAN COUNTY IN 2017!**