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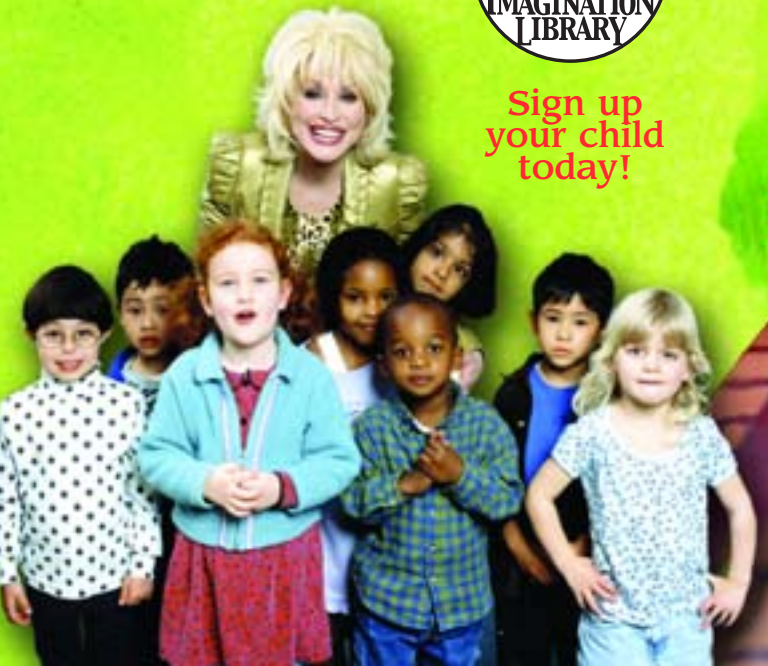


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Sign up your child today!



The Gift that Speaks Volumes for our Community's Future!

Dear Friends and Neighbors...

Growing up in the Smoky Mountains was a real blessing. There were some tough times, but most of our life was full of the kind of riches money can never buy. One of my most precious memories is sitting in my mother's lap and listening to her read me stories from the Bible. It felt so warm and cozy. My imagination soared to places far beyond our little cabin.

Those wonderful moments with my mother inspired me to create my Imagination Library. Thanks to **United Way of Hastings**, all of the preschoolers in your community can now have their own Imagination Library. Just think, a book mailed to your child each month until their 5th birthday!

I hope these books inspire you to read to your child. There is nothing quite like the sparkle in a child's eye when animals come alive and clowns dance on the page.

I hope you'll encourage your children to keep dreaming and to dream big. If my Imagination Library helps turn the dreams of a child into the promise of a bright future, then one of my biggest dreams will come true.

*And remember...
I will always love you,*

Dolly



Facts About Reading and Young People

- 35% of children arrive at kindergarten unprepared to learn.

- Interaction with his/her environment is a key factor in determining the ease with which a child will learn to read.
- The more words a child hears the larger the child's vocabulary. The larger the child's vocabulary the more likely he/she will be a proficient reader.
- A 1991 study showed that parents who were given books by their doctors were four times more likely to read and share them with their children.
- Reading to your baby encourages the child to associate reading with love and comfort.
- The more you talk and read to your baby the quicker the child will learn.
- The report of the commission on reading states that "the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children."
- The key to proficiency in reading is to start early.

Begin reading to your child the day he/she is born.

What Is Dolly Parton's Imagination Library?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is...FREE!

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 will help you read with your child. There are many reasons parents do not read to their child, but we can eliminate one of them. Every child will have books of their very own, **at no cost to you**, thanks to **United Way of Hastings** and Dolly Parton.

Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. He/she can look forward to new and exciting reading adventures from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library until he/she turns five years old as long as you remain a resident of **Hastings School District 200**. Should the child move outside **Hastings School District 200**, he/she automatically exits the program.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a FREE GIFT to our children! All you have to do is read to your children.

Who Is Eligible?

Preschool children (birth until their fifth birthday) **of Hastings School District 200.**

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a resident of **Hastings School District 200**.
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian (form must be approved and on file with **United Way of Hastings**).
3. Notify **United Way of Hastings** any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address listed on the official registration form. **If the child's address changes, you must contact your friends at the address on this brochure in order to continue receiving books.**
4. Read with your child.

When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue until your child turns five or you move out of **Hastings School District 200**.

How Can I Help?

Do you know a preschool child in **Hastings School District 200** who is not receiving Dolly Parton's Imagination Library? Give their parents a brochure/registration form and encourage them to fill it out and mail it to the address below. Telling them about this **FREE program** can make a huge difference in their future and the future of our community.

If you know of a business, organization or individual who would like to donate funds to support this gift to your children, donations can be sent to:

United Way of Hastings

P.O. Box 353
Hastings, MN 55033
(651) 438-3337

Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY Official Registration Form (one per child required)
Privacy Statement: This information will not be used for any purpose other than the Imagination Library.
PLEASE PRINT

Preschool Child's FULL Name _____

Child's Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Sex: M F Phone _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Child's Home Address _____ ADDRESS _____

_____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____ ADDRESS _____

_____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

"This child is a resident of **Hastings School District 200**" _____ SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: _____ Group Code: _____



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"This program is one of the most important ways I know to improve the educational opportunities for children in your community!"

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