



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

LOUISA COUNTY UPDATE

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) was launched in Louisa County in October 2023. There were 2,015 kids under age five who were eligible for the program at that time. The goal was to enroll 65% of eligible children (1,309 kids) over the next five years. Today, just under three years later, 1,292 (63%) are currently enrolled and the eligible population is 2,055. There are 528 children who have aged out, and 33,565 books have been distributed.

Louisa's third grade reading scores over the past several years have ranged from 71% to 81%. The current 79% (2025/26) pass rate ranks 8th in the state out of 131 school divisions. It's too soon for the "Dolly effect" to have had an impact on that number, however, School Readiness in kindergarten is trending upward, from 68% in the fall of 2024 to 77% in 2025. Our goal for both benchmarks is 90%.

The Local Advisory Group in Louisa has been busy getting the word out and raising funds.



Cochran Garnett, Candy Wakefield and Nancy Ritinski



Dolly, Candy, Terry Podwika, Nancy and Judy Hanley



For the past two years, DPIL in Louisa was the beneficiary of a golf tournament at Spring Creek. More recently, a “Boozy Book Fair” fundraiser at a local winery and silent auction help support the program. The small but mighty Local Advisory Group is the driving force.

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LOUISA COUNTY DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY!
PLACE YOUR ORDER BY 9/14.
COOKIES WILL BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN 9/21 THRU 9/24 SO THAT YOU HAVE
THEM FOR THE BIG DOLLY DAY CELEBRATION!

 "You can never get enough books into the hands of enough children."


A terrific fundraising idea – cookies!



Terry, Candy and Nancy at school registration

If you'd like to volunteer for the Local Advisory Group, enroll a child or donate to the program, go to: <https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/VALOUISA/> or scan the QR code below.



"You can never get enough books into the hands of enough children." – Dolly Parton