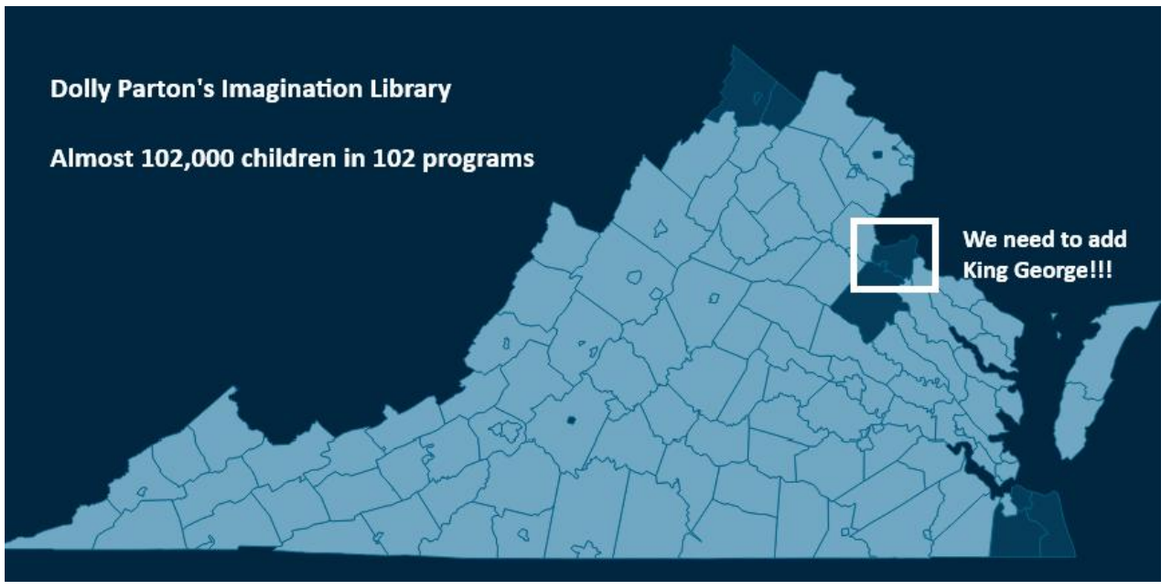
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The Essential Foundation Steps Up for Imagination Library in King George County

Williamsburg, Virginia (10/9/2026) – QuickStart Children of Virginia (QCV) is pleased to announce that The Essential Foundation, on behalf of an Essential Utilities subsidiary Aqua Virginia, has once again stepped up to support early childhood literacy in Virginia -- this time with a generous donation to help launch Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in King George County.

King George has 1,585 children under age five who stand to benefit from this beloved book-gifting program. The Moms Club of King George will serve as the Local Program Partner. The program will launch as soon as the first three years of estimated costs are secured, allowing time for local volunteers to focus on promoting the program and driving enrollment. The local share is $1.30 per book, matched by the state for a total of $2.60 per book, including postage.



Krista Seng, Corporate Giving & Community Affairs at Essential, shared, "We are pleased to enclose a contribution from Aqua through The Essential Foundation to support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Thank you for continuing the great Dolly Parton's legacy!"

QCV Founder Lynda Harrill adds, "There aren't too many openings left on the Virginia Dolly map. King George is one we'd like to color-in soon. We are so grateful for the support from The Essential Foundation. Aqua Virginia operates 137 public water systems in 37 counties around the state and serves more than 105,000 customers. I'm sure many Aqua Virginia families will directly benefit from this generosity. It's going to take all of us to improve early childhood literacy."

"Early childhood literacy is everybody's business and every child's birthright."

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