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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Starts Up in Essex County

Williamsburg, Virginia (11/26/2025) – QuickStart Children of Virginia (QCV) is thrilled to report kids in Essex County can now enroll in [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#) thanks to the Tappahannock Rotary Club Foundation and Andrea Mitman who stepped up for early childhood literacy. There are 501 children under age five in Essex County who can benefit from this wonderful, book-gifting program.

A portion of the startup funding for this new program was provided by Rappahannock Electric Cooperative through their Community Awareness of Rappahannock Electric Charity, Inc. (C.A.R.E.) grant program and the Elis Olsson Memorial Foundation. The Rotary Club and Friends of the Library also provided support. This generosity will put a lot of smiles on children's faces in Essex very soon.



Lynda Harrill, QCV Founder, says, “It was a pleasure working with Andrea to get DPIL going in Essex County and it was a very quick process – less than four months. Some counties have taken almost four years. Now we have just a handful of counties to work on – Caroline, King & Queen, New Kent and Westmoreland. Southampton and Orange are in process and should launch soon.

“Our goal five years ago was to take DPIL to communities in our original 28-county service area. Only Orange remains. There were only two when we started. When the state agreed to provide half the funding, we expanded our scope to underserved, rural counties statewide. We’re almost at the end of our DPIL project. In November 2020, there were 23 programs. Today there are 89 programs with 84,600+ kids are enrolled, up from 13,700 five years ago.”

To enroll a child in Imagination Library in at no cost, register online at www.imaginationlibrary.com. Click on “Check Availability.”

*Want to be a great adult?
Play tennis! Read books!
Eat healthy! Have FUN!!!
Be a QuickStart kid!*

QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (aka QuickStart Children of Virginia) is an all-volunteer, grassroots Community Tennis Association established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote, develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved and at-risk youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format. We leverage the fun of tennis to promote lifelong physical activity, healthy eating/lifestyle habits and a love of reading in the communities we serve. We believe early childhood literacy will solve many socioeconomic problems and produce kids who will succeed in school and in life.

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