



DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library supports young children living in Otter Tail County by providing free, high quality books delivered directly to their homes.

Dolly Parton's Imagination's program launched over 30 years ago with a mission to help families build home libraries and encourage early learning from the very beginning, giving children a strong foundation for future success in school and life.

WHY EARLY LITERACY MATTERS

Early exposure to books plays a critical role in brain development, language skills, and school readiness. In 2023, only 52.6 percent of third graders in Otter Tail County met reading benchmarks. Programs like Imagination Library help close literacy gaps before children ever enter kindergarten by encouraging daily reading and strengthening vocabulary at a young age.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library serves children from birth through age five living in Otter Tail and Wadena Counties. Once enrolled, each child receives one age appropriate book every month, mailed directly to their home at no cost to the family. The program is available to all families, regardless of income, ensuring equal access to books during the most important years of development.

POWERED BY WOMEN UNITED

At the heart of this program is the local community's commitment to supporting early literacy and achieving long-term community impact. Our Lakes and Prairie United Way's Women United Affinity Group based out of Otter Tail County, raises funds to support programs like Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, helping ensure more children in Otter Tail County grow up with access to books, stories, and the joy of reading.

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