

Open House for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Scottsville March 16

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An Open House for *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library* is being hosted on Saturday March 16 at the Scottsville Library by the *James River Good Works Group* and the *JMRL Library*. Free enrollment of kids under age 5 in the *Imagination Library's* age-appropriate monthly book-by-mail program will be showcased from 10am to 4pm. *Imagination Library* sample books and program information will be on display for parents to review. Supplemental enrollment funding for Scottsville and Esmont area kids and Open House volunteer staffing is being contributed by co-sponsors *James River Good Works Group*, *Scottsville Lions Club*, *Skippers Seniors Club* and *SUMC Methodist Men*.

Founded by global superstar Dolly Parton, the *Imagination Library* is the flagship program of the *Dollywood Foundation*. Since 1995, the *Imagination Library's* monthly book-by-mail program has gifted more than 226 million books to kids under age 5. In 2021, the *Imagination Library's* partnership with the non-profit *Charlottesville Rotary Foundation* was expanded to cover kids in the Scottsville (zipcode 24590) and Esmont (zipcode 22937) areas.

There are 457 children under age 5 in the Scottsville and Esmont areas. Only one hundred and thirty eight are currently enrolled in the *Imagination Library*. The March 16 *Imagination Library Open House* is the kickoff to an enrollment drive aiming to sign up 100 of the 319 area kids not yet in the free monthly book-by-mail program. As Dolly Parton says, "You can never get enough books into the hands of enough children."

For more information on the Open House, go to www.facebook.com/jrgoodworks. For further details on *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library* – or to sign up a child right now – go to www.imaginationlibrary.com/about-us/.