

Sullivan County Imagination Library Newsletter



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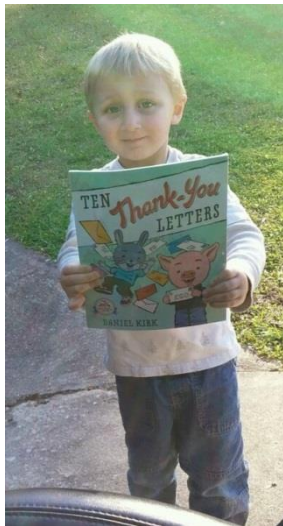
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Your gifts make a lifelong impact on children's lives!

Imagination Library Books Spark Love of Books and Reading



The EXCITEMENT of a new book of your very own!

YOU bring the joy and love of reading to children! This child's father had to tell us about it. His son gets so excited anticipating the new Imagination Library book each month that they have to stop at the mailbox every day until the book arrives. This month the book was *Ten Thank You Letters*. It prompted the child to ask his dad to put this picture on Facebook, with the note, "Thank you for my Imagination Library books!" See more stories and pictures on our Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/SullivanCountyImaginationLibrary>. "Friend" us and "Share" these children's delightful stories with your friends.



Visionary Leader Jan Miles Retires from Board of Directors

In May of 2003, Jan Miles, Carrie Schwartz, and Jo McDavid attended an information session about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. All three came back from that meeting committed to starting an Imagination Library affiliate in Sullivan County. From that point forward, Jan became a driving force to organize and finance the Sullivan County Imagination Library. She held the presidency for many years, doing whatever tasks were necessary to make the SCIL a viable organization. Of course, she didn't do it alone. Many people have put their hearts into the SCIL from the beginning. **Our sincere appreciation goes to everyone who has been a part of the success of the Sullivan County Imagination Library.**



Join the Jan Miles Leadership Circle

In Jan's honor, the SCIL has created a new category of donor: The Jan Miles Leadership Circle, for donations of \$1,000 or more. We invite you to honor Jan by joining the circle. Honor Jan or a loved one by giving the gift of reading to the children of Sullivan County.

Fast Facts about the Imagination Library

Our Vision:

Imagine the benefits to children and to society if all kindergarteners arrived at school loving books and reading.



- The Imagination Library is a specially-chosen collection of books designed to spark a love of reading.
- Children receive an age-appropriate book of their very own in the mail each month until they reach five years of age—sixty books in all if signed up at birth.
- All children between birth and five years old who reside in the State of Tennessee are eligible to register.
- Enrolling a child in the Imagination Library is done at no cost to the parent.
- The Sullivan County Imagination Library is an ALL-VOLUNTEER 501 c 3 non-profit, with no paid staff and no office location. **96% of our budget is used to pay for the books we mail each month.**
- Because of special arrangements with the Dollywood Foundation, each book costs us only \$1.05. That is \$12.60 per child, per year. **However, we must raise over \$78,000 this year in order to pay for the children presently registered. As of July 1, we have raised \$40,000, only 51% of what we need for the year.**
- Every tax-deductible dollar you donate is matched by the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation, our funding partner in the state of Tennessee.

Are you 70 ½ and taking distributions from your IRA? Check out new rules below:

Congress recently made permanent a benefit that formerly was voted on year to year. You can now make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA anytime. What is an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution? This provision enables participants who are 70½ or older to donate *up to* \$100,000 to charitable organizations *directly* from their IRA, *without treating the distribution as taxable income*. Your qualified charitable distributions can satisfy all or part of the amount of your required minimum distribution from your IRA. **Check with your tax advisor for details.**

Connect with Us:

- "Like us" on Facebook: <http://Facebook.com/SullivanCountyImaginationLibrary/>
- Check out our website: <http://scimaginationlibrary.org/>
- E-mail us at sullivancoimaginationlibrary@gmail.com,
- Our Mailing Address: Sullivan County Imagination Library; P.O. Box 3045; Kingsport, TN 37664
- Telephone number: (423) 239-1100 (This number reaches the Colonial Heights Public Library, which receives and processes our calls as a community service.)
- Register your child for free monthly Imagination Library Books at <http://www.imaginationlibrary.com>

Thank you to our 2015 Honor Roll of Contributors

GOLD BOOK

(\$15,000 - \$24,900)
Carrie Schwartz

PURPLE BOOK

(\$5,000 - \$9,999)
Eastman Foundation
Speedway Children's Charities

GREEN BOOK

(\$2,000 - \$4,999)
Appalachian Regional Commission
United Way of Greater Kingsport,
Children and Youth Initiative

YELLOW BOOK

(\$1,000 - \$1,999)
Citizen's Bank
Eastman Credit Union
Jan Miles
William and Adair Murdoch
The Regional Eye Center

WHITE BOOK

(\$500 - \$999)
Bank of Tennessee
Belk Charity Sale tickets
Gene and Evelyn Edwards
Chris and Anna Manley
Barbara Maston
in memory of her parents & sister
John and Sonja McKamey
Piney Flats Community Chest
Charlotte and Harry Spear,
in honor of Rhoda Bliese

BLUE BOOK

(\$100 - \$499)
Bill and Marian Adams
Alpha Phi Chapter of ADK
Jane Bellamy
Rhoda Bliese
Books-A-Million
Cindy Bowman
Kay Brown
Wilma Bunting
Claudia Byrd
John and Gail Campbell
Hershell and Toni Cave
Harold and Emily Childress
Matt and Vicki Conrad
Dr. and Mrs. Bennett Cowan, Jr.
Dent K. Burk Associates, P.C.
Domtar Paper Company, L.L.C.
Jenny Dugger
Bill and Joan Edwards
Shelburne Ferguson, Jr.

BLUE BOOK, CONTINUED

Anna and Bill Gamble
Frank Graves
Holston Ruritan Club
Cameron Jenkins
Donna Jones
Paige Kramer
Earl and Barbara Lovelace,
in memory of Clara Lovelace
Linda B. Marshall
Jon and M'Liss Mather
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McCants
Wanda McLellan
Carole Ann Miller, *in honor of Jane Bellamy*
Brenda Moriarty
Optimist Club of Piney Flats
Piney Flats Ruritan
Beverly Puerckhauer
Katrinka K. Quillen
Melissa Rawlston
Ron and Sindy Ramsey
Susan and Tad Schwartzberg
John and Kathy Singleton
South Holston Ruritan Club
Charlotte Thweatt
Elaine Zoeller

ORANGE BOOK

(\$10 - \$99)
Adelene S. Akard
Amazon Smile Program
Sam and DeLois Anderson
Stewart and Madelyn Baggett,
in honor of Deb Taylor
Evelyn and Jack Bales
Beta Gamma Chapter of ADK
Doris Bittinger
Bernard and Jeanie Brehl,
in memory of Grace Hoskins
Sandra B. Bridgman
Pat A. Brose,
in honor of Katrinka Quillen
James "Moe" Brotherton
George Cafilisch
Phyllis Cairnes
Central Heights FCE Club
Carolyn Chandler,
in honor of Rhoda Bliese
Charles Charlton
Harold and Emily Childress
Judy Collins, *in memory of John Eddie Anderson*
Ruth Combs
Marleitta Cooper, *in honor of Alpha Phi Chapter of ADK*
Lois Ann Cox
David and Charlotte DeVault

ORANGE BOOK, CONTINUED

Ann L. Dickson
Maria Evans
Rebecca Feagins
in honor of Patricia Owens, Nanda Fairweather & Lisa Allen
Margaret & Raymond Feierabend
Stanley and Flora Fish,
in memory of Maureen Flanary
Patty Fletcher
Betty Fritz
Gina Garland, *in honor of Brett & Nakia Woodward*
Brenda Gibson, *in memory of John Eddie Anderson*
Megan Glasscock
Florence Godat
Charles and Betty Green
James and Mary Ann Hager
Evelyn T. Hill
Shirley B. Jackson
Denise and Philip Jones
Kevin and Tara Kirk
Judith Lester
Tom and Dorothy Lightfoot
Oscar J. Meece
Jackie and Wendell Millsap,
in honor of John Weaver
James and Laura Morse
Margaret Muller
Dusty Newman and Ada Newman
Sue E. O'Dell
Kathy and Frank Papp
Betty Parise,
in honor of Deborah Parise
Candy Phelps
Debbie Price, *in memory of Hunter Smith*
Lois Sill
Gary and Brenda Simmons
Linda T. Smith, *in memory of Walter Kite*
Margaret F. Smith
Mary H. Stewart, *in honor of Carrie Schwartz*
Debbie and David Taylor
Rich and Sue Thomas
Jewel McKinney, *Town & Country Realty*
Sara Torbett
Dr. and Mrs. Harrison D. Turner
Donna Wallace
John Weaver, *in honor of the Holston Elementary Staff*
Joan C. Williams
Brett & Nakia Woodward



Putt Putt for Readers
Saturday, August 6, 2016
Noon – 3:00 p.m.
Bristol, TN Putt Putt Fun Center
319 Bluff City Hwy

YOU are invited!

Join us for a Family Fun Event to Benefit Sullivan County Imagination Library

Put together a team of friends or co-workers. Fun for all ages!

(This is not a tournament, so even if you've never played before, you will enjoy it.)

- \$8 per person (unlimited play)
- \$30 for family of 4 or 5
- Pizza, snow cones, cookies for sale
- Door Prizes
- Prizes for Hole-in-One

Kids:
Bring your favorite
Imagination Library
book for a photo
opportunity!

All proceeds used for free, age-appropriate Imagination Library books, mailed monthly to local children from birth to age five.

For more information: Visit our website: <http://scimaginationlibrary.org>

“Friend” us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SullivanCountyImaginationLibrary>

Or call Rhoda at (423) 247-2984



Give a Gift to a Child:
A Lifelong Love of Reading

