



# HURON COUNTY IMAGINATION LIBRARY

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## IMAGINATION LIBRARY LAUNCHES IN HURON COUNTY

Norwalk Ohio--Huron County Imagination Library is up and running.

In affiliation with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and with support from the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library (OGIL),Huron County Imagination Library has begun funding and enrolling children from birth to age five to receive books at no cost to the family.

First Lady Fran DeWine has championed the OGIL with a goal of having a local affiliate in each of Ohio's 88 counties. OGIL endeavors "to put more books children's hands so they can enter the classroom ready to learn."

Research has shown that book ownership can be a predictor of future academic success. In fact, studies have found that children with 25 books in their home are more likely to complete an additional two years of education.

This program provides a specially-selected, high quality book each month to participating children in Huron County. These books are personalized with each child's name and mailed directly to their home to create a gifting experience that makes books exciting and encourages families to spend time enjoying books together.

"Early literacy has shown to have such dramatic impacts on school readiness. Having a program such as this for the children of our county is very meaningful," states Brad Romano, a member of the Huron County Imagination Library and Superintendent for New London Local Schools.

The Huron County Imagination Library enlists the support of our community in funding and in enrolling this inspiring program to insure our children enter the classroom ready to succeed. The Norwalk Area United Fund is serving as the 501 c3 fiscal agent for HCIL. To get in on the ground floor of this critical project, send a check payable to the Norwalk Area United Fund and earmarked for the Imagination Library at 3 East Seminary St., Norwalk Ohio 44857.

