**Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library**

**Update**

Smart Start of Forsyth County with funding by the NC General Assembly has implemented Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library (DPIL) since 2017, providing to thousands of children in Forsyth County. In fact, 136,171 books were mailed between January 1, 2023, and June 1, 2024 alone!

Over 13,000 children in FORSYTH are receiving books through DPIL!

Due to the Smart Start Network reaching our initial investment capacity, we are no longer able to enroll new children in DPIL within FORSYTH. This will not affect children currently enrolled, and they will continue to receive books. We have created a waitlist for new families to sign up for Imagination Library.

Smart Start of Forsyth County is committed to ensuring each child in Forsyth has access to books, literacy skills, and a love of reading through the continuing of Imagination Library as well as through other literacy programs like Read, Write, Spell and Literacy Forsyth.

Smart Start of Forsyth County continues to seek alternative funding streams through private donors, grants, and local foundations in support of this valuable community resource. Please consider sharing this message to any community members who would be interested in making a tax-deductible donation [here](https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/donor-form?svcid=renxt&formId=934e6a6e-eb58-4126-a730-e6eb88dba88a&envid=p-uJP7o5QftEqkslejfMenmA&zone=usa).

We want to thank the General Assembly for seeing the value in this program and for providing funding for NC children to receive books. Because we will need additional funds to enter a new phase of growth, we invite you to contact your District 74/Forsyth County representatives: [Donny Lambeth](mailto:Donny.Lambeth@ncleg.gov), [Amber M. Baker](mailto:Amber.Baker@ncleg.gov), [Kanika Brown](mailto:Kanika.Brown@ncleg.gov), [Kyle Hall](mailto:Kyle.Hall@ncleg.gov), and [Jeff Zenger](mailto:Jeff.Zenger@ncleg.gov) to discuss Imagination Library and its impact on your family.