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Read to Succeed Buffalo
Community Alignment for Reading Excellence

May 1, 2019

Dear Friend,

Thank you for sharing the love of books and reading with your child(ren) by registering for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. We hope you have enjoyed being a part of our family.

While the Dollywood Foundation covers a portion of the administrative expenses associated with making books available, there is still a considerable cost incurred by Read to Succeed Buffalo for postage and maintenance of the program. Today, I regret to inform you that the Imagination Library program in Buffalo is no longer active due to loss of funding for book distribution.

Even though the Imagination Library program is no longer delivering books directly into homes of infants, toddlers and preschoolers, please know that your local branch library is a free resource for books specific to any age or interest – their website is <https://www.buffalolib.org>.

Read to Succeed Buffalo programs are built on research showing the strong connection between high quality, conversation and literature rich early care environments with children's literacy proficiency at the end of 3rd Grade. Children cannot learn to read without exposure to language, both in print and in back and forth conversations with a caregiver. The single most important activity to creating lifelong learners is to read to young children frequently. We hope that having access to the Imagination Library has helped to build a love of books, reading and learning in your own household.

Again, thank you for your commitment to supporting early childhood literacy!

Sincerely,

Anne Ryan, Executive Director
Read to Succeed Buffalo/WNY Imagination Library Affiliate