

## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Expends to Kentucky

It's not often that our HR Updates get to include nothing but good news to share with your employees. We love sharing news that will positively impact your employees with small children at home and it is well worth sharing.

The Imagination Library partners with Local Affiliates and Partners who help bring the program to cities, towns and communities around the world. Local Affiliates can be businesses, school districts, small or large organizations, or simply individuals who share in the mission and purpose of the Imagination Library. State-wide coverage was established in Tennessee in 2004. Furthermore, international growth provided expansion in Canada (2006), United Kingdom (2007) and Australia (2014). The first book order in 1995 totaled just over 1,700. Today, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library sends more than one million books per month to children around the world.

In June of this year, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library expanded into all Kentucky counties. This generous program means that every preschool age child in Kentucky can have a free age-appropriate book mailed to them each month from birth to age 5. Not only does this help prepare them for kindergarten reading, but it also helps to develop a lifelong love of reading, as well as the concept of generosity and community.

Dolly herself says on the Imagination Library website that, "You can never get enough books into the hands of enough children." We at HR Affiliates firmly agree and would love for our clients to share this opportunity with their employees. We are stout believers that you can learn how to do anything by reading a book.

Our own Jenna Malcolm has signed her littles up for the program and we get to enjoy seeing them with their new books each month.

To sign up your child, click <u>here</u>, or visit <u>imaginationlibrary.com/kentucky</u>. To donate to the organization, click <u>here</u>. Kentuckians can also follow the Dolly Parton Imagination Library on Facebook and Instagram.