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# Promoting Life-Long Literacy...



## Director's Notes....

As you may or may not be aware, the Literacy Coalition of Hancock County (LCHC) is wrapping up our annual campaign at the end of October. A HUGE thank you to Ball Corporation, their amazing employees, and the Ball Foundation for sponsoring our campaign, leading our fundraising efforts and creating awareness for the coalition. Because of their participation, our campaign has been a success so far! It is not too late for you to donate to the campaign to keep the success going! Now through October 31, for every \$5 you donate online, your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a Kindle and a \$50 Amazon gift card. \$25 sponsors one child in our Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) for one year (that is 12 new books!). \$125 sponsors one child in our DPIL for all 5 years (that is 60 new books!). Please

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Also, I would like to congratulate all of our 2017 Tell-A-Tale winners! We had 94 creative entries. A special thank you to Altrusa International - District Five, who had the difficult job of judging all of the entries. Be sure to keep a look out in the Courier for a special Literacy related tab section on Thursday, October 19. This tab will feature all of our Tell-A-Tale winning stories as well as reading activities and tips. The entire newspaper will be given to every child in Hancock County and Findlay City Schools in Kindergarten through fifth grade. That is over 5,000 kids! This is our way to encourage children and parents to read something together.

If you are looking for ways to get involved with the LCHC, please consider volunteering for one of our 2017-18 Family Literacy Nights (FLN). To view schools, dates, times and to sign up to volunteer please click on the link below.

Thank you for supporting the coalition in one way or another. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have. Happy Reading!

Shannon Andersen

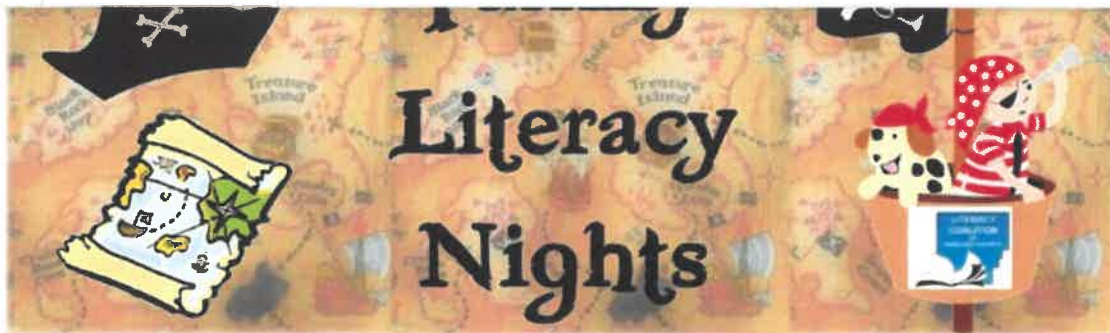
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We need your help! The Literacy Coalition's Annual Campaign is going on and every dollar helps support literacy in Hancock County. The Literacy Coalition sponsors many activities in Hancock County including Family Literacy Nights, Tell-A-Tale writing contest, Parent Partners and much more. For every \$5 you donate online now through October 31, you will get one entry into the drawing to win a Kindle and a \$50 Amazon gift card!

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Family Literacy Nights are coming to our local schools and the theme is Pirates! ARRRRRR!

During each literacy night, children in preschool through elementary school and their parents/care givers will participate in fun reading activities with volunteers. The reading activities are ready and now we need volunteers to help set up, clean up and, of course, to play the games with the children. The games are simple and all the directions and materials will be there for you. The event is from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time.

Consider giving a few hours of your time to help children enjoy reading! Volunteer service certificates are available upon request. If you have questions, contact the Literacy Coalition at 419-422-7525.



When reading with a beginning reader, it's important to do the following:

1. Give them time to read. Reading is a skill, and like many other skills, it takes time to develop. A beginning reader should spend at least 20 minutes a day reading to or with someone. The books read during this time should be relatively easy for your child.

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stop less often to decode words.

3. Encourage attention to the print. If your child is stuck on a word, help him look at the first letter(s) and encourage him to sound it out. If it's a difficult word, or one that can't be sounded out, simply supply the word and continue reading.

Thank  
you 

Thank you to our wonderful Tell-A-Tale sponsors. Your generosity helps to provide free newspapers to every Kindergarten through fifth grade student in Findlay City and Hancock County schools on October 19. That is over 5,000+ children!

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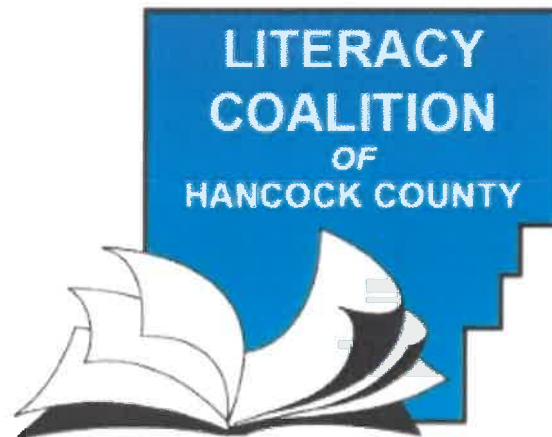
## Hancock County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Statistics

Current Registrations – 2,117

Graduates – 847

Total Children reached since 9/2014 – 2,964

Total Books mailed since 9/2014 – 43,572



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