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# Promoting Life-Long Literacy...



## Director's Notes....

Winter break is finally over and I am sure parents and children are getting back into their daily school routines. Part of my family's routine includes 2 bedtime stories every night. Each child gets to pick out one book. There are many times we read the same book OVER and OVER! And you know...that is ok! Repetitive reading of the same book helps children with vocabulary and word recognition, pattern and rhythm, fluency, comprehension and confidence. One of those books at my house is called "The Underpants Zoo" by Brian Sendelbach, where zoo animals wear underpants just like us. We have read that book so many times! Last week while my boys were on school break, my four year old (who can't read), brought me the book and asked if I would help him read the book. We sat down and he flipped through every page, coming very close to the correct wording... all out of memorization! He was so proud of himself and I was proud of him too! I have since started asking him to read me books that he has only read a few times, telling me what is going on in the story based on the pictures he sees. I know the importance of developing a love for reading at a young age so I will sit and listen each and every time he asks me

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February 1, the Literacy Coalition of Hancock County will have distributed over 50,000 books into our community, right here in Hancock County, through our Dolly Parton Imagination Library program! We want to celebrate!! But you have to make sure you 'Like' us on Facebook for the celebration! See below for more information.

We are always looking for individuals to volunteer at upcoming events or to serve on a committee. If you are interested in getting more information or more involved with the Literacy Coalition, please reach out to me! I would love to chat with you.

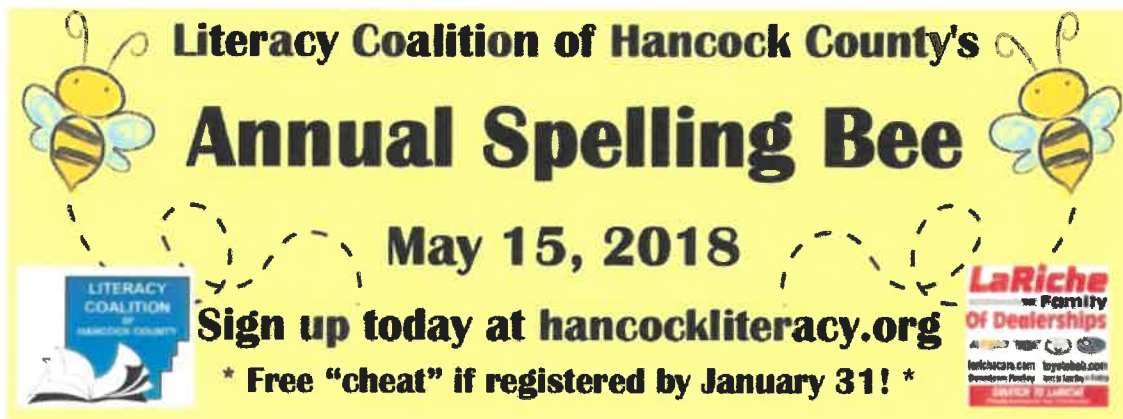
Thank you for supporting literacy here in Hancock County! I am looking forward to a wonderful and successful 2018!

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**Literacy Coalition of Hancock County's**  
**Annual Spelling Bee**  
 May 15, 2018  
 Sign up today at [hancockliteracy.org](http://hancockliteracy.org)  
 \* Free "cheat" if registered by January 31! \*

The banner features two cartoon bees on either side of the text. At the bottom left is the Literacy Coalition of Hancock County logo, and at the bottom right is the LaRiche Family Of Dealerships logo with contact information for their website and phone number.

Three to six spellers participate as a team. Together they decide how a word is spelled and write it on a white board for the judges. Teams can even purchase cheats to use during the Bee. Points are awarded for correct answers. The team with the most points at the end of the Bee is the winner.

The Bee will be held on May 15, 2018 in the Great Room of the First Presbyterian Church, 2330 South Main Street, Findlay, Ohio. Doors will open at 11:00. Lunch will be served at 11:15 and the Bee will begin at 12:15


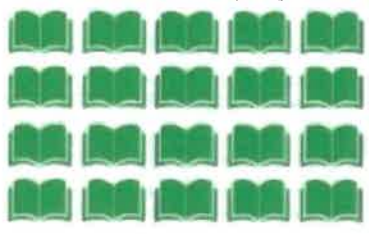




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**“We have mailed out 49,991 books to children in Hancock County through Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. On February 1 aka National Read Aloud Day, we will surpass the 50,000 book mark! We need to celebrate! We are going to give away one \$50 gift card to Books-A-Million! To be entered into the drawing, all you have to do is LIKE this post, COMMENT WITH A PICTURE of you or your family reading and SHARE this post! A random winner will be selected on February 1, when we officially surpass the 50,000 book mark. Help us celebrate! Click on the picture above to like, comment and share!**

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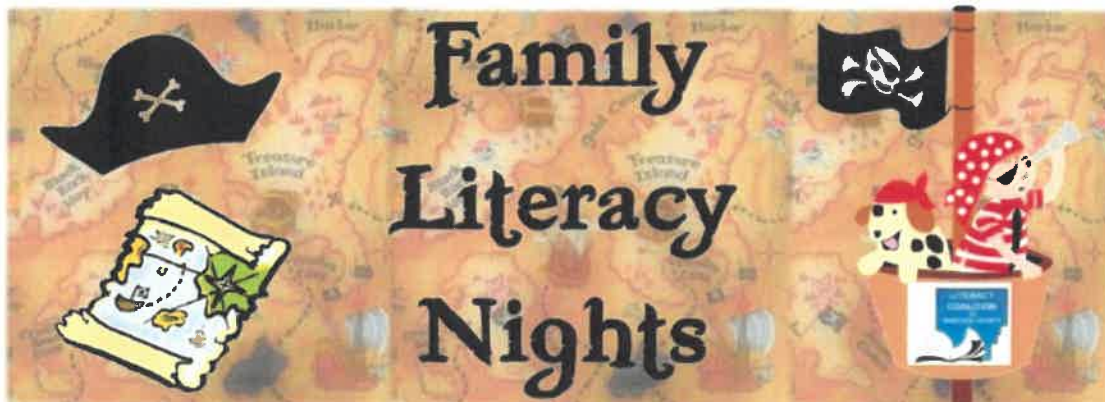
# Why Read at home?

<p><b>STUDENT A READS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 minutes per day</li> <li>• 3,600 minutes per school year</li> <li>• 1,800,000 words per year</li> </ul>	 <p>SCORES IN THE 90TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS</p>
	
<p><b>STUDENT B READS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 minutes per day</li> <li>• 900 minutes per school year</li> <li>• 282,000 words per year</li> </ul>	 <p>SCORES IN THE 50TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS</p>
	
<p><b>STUDENT C READS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 minute per day</li> <li>• 180 minutes per school year</li> <li>• 8,000 words per year</li> </ul>	 <p>SCORES IN THE 10TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS</p>
	

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**

[www.bettefelter.com](http://www.bettefelter.com)



The graphic features a treasure map background with the text "Family Literacy Nights" in a large, stylized font. On the left, there is a black pirate hat with a skull and crossbones and a rolled-up treasure map. On the right, there is a pirate ship with a skull and crossbones on its flag, and a treasure chest overflowing with colorful items like a red and white polka-dot hat, a red and white striped hat, and a black and white spotted hat.

Family Literacy Nights are coming to our local schools and the theme

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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 time of the event varies by school but usually lasts an hour and a half to two hours.

[Sign up to volunteer here!](#)

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.



Thank you to Findlay-Hancock County Public Library staff and patrons for donating to the "Gift of Reading" Campaign. \$4,191 was raised over the holiday season. This money will provide 2,012 Dolly Parton's Imagination Library books for children in Hancock County!

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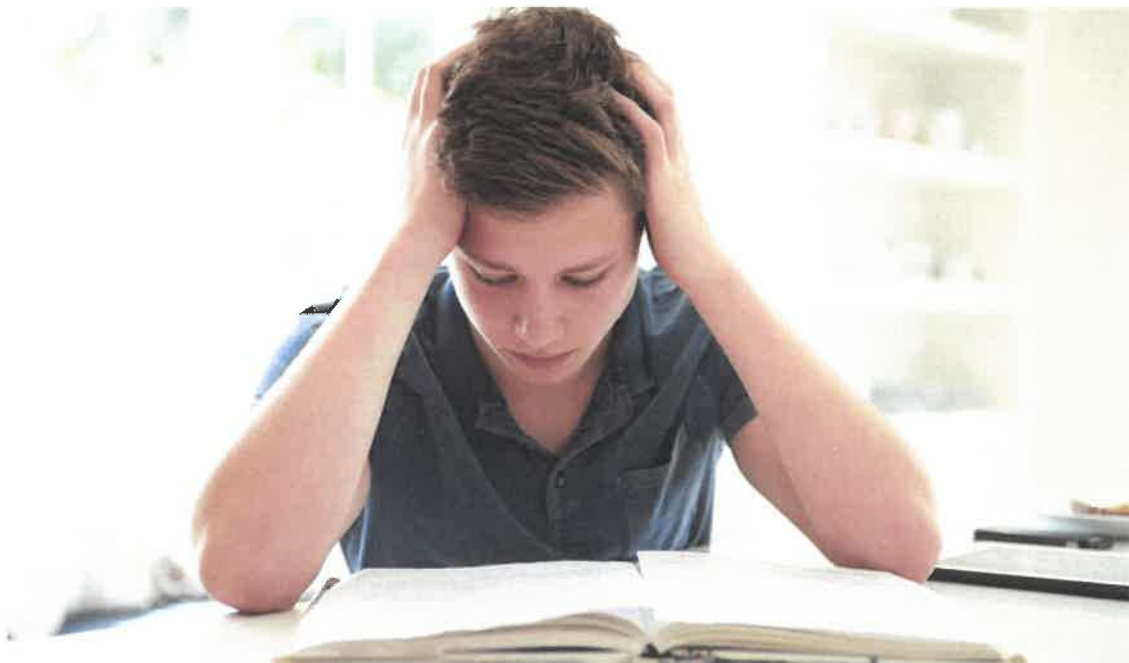
## Hancock County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Statistics

Current Registrations – 2,138

Graduates – 946

Total Children reached since 9/2014 – 3,084

Total Books mailed since 9/2014 – 49,991



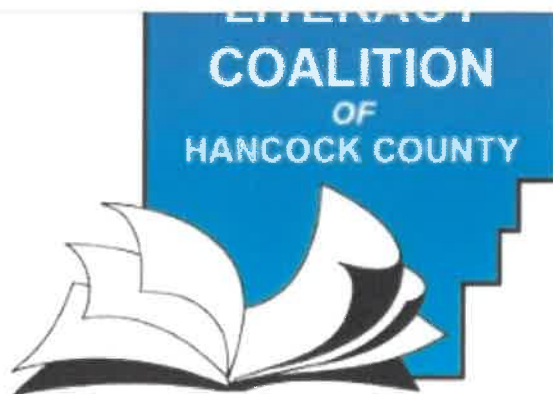
Do you or someone you know struggle with reading? Let us help!

Please contact us 419.422.7525 or email us at

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