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# Promoting Life-Long Literacy...



## Director's Notes....

Does your child ever ask to get on your computer to play? Do you have a favorite site you allow them to visit and play games on? While I was at my son's Kindergarten screening last week, our school showed me a resource page they have on their website. This page promotes safe, educational pages that they encourage students to get on, play and explore. I found this very helpful, as my children periodically ask to play a game on my computer. I thought I would share a few sites from that resource page with you. So while we patiently wait for spring, consider exploring these educational sites with your children!

<http://www.starfall.com/>

<http://www.abcya.com/>

<http://www.hoodamath.com/games/>

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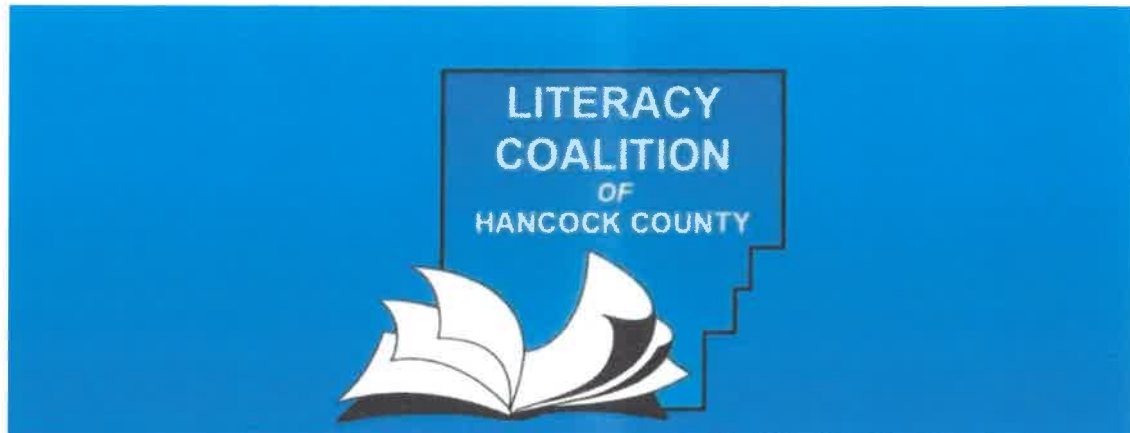
As always, if you have any questions or need any literacy assistance, please reach out to me! The coalition is here to help our community! Happy Reading!

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## Parent Partner Videos

Our Parent Partner video series was created as a useful literacy tool to help guide parents and caregivers of young children. We want both parents and children to get the most out of their reading time as possible, while still making reading fun! Each video focuses on a variety of tips for reading with your child. It is never too early to start reading to a child.

**Did you know...**while many adults may consider a child's behavior during reading as "uninterested" because they cannot sit still, it is likely that your child is STILL listening to you while you read and absorbing the words.

Does your child have a favorite book they want to read over and OVER again? **Did you know...**this is good for the child! It boosts their vocabulary and comprehension and eventually they will pretend to read the book from memorization. Click on logo above to watch the first video!

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### 1. READ ALOUD.

... develops listening & verbal skills.



### 2. FIND THE RIGHT BOOK.

... never give up. Keep searching.



### 3. PLEASURE NOT PUNISHMENT.

... support reading by choice & enjoyment.



### 4. CULTIVATING CURIOSITY

... spark wonderings & find answers.



### 5. LIVE A READER'S LIFE.

... read while your children or students read.



### 6. SHARE READING.

... talk about the reading.



### 7. TEXT IN TECH.

... digital books, apps, & online options.



### 8. CREATE A PRINT-RICH ENVIRONMENT.

... books of all sorts available; letters, & print visible.



### 9. LOVE NOT LEVEL.

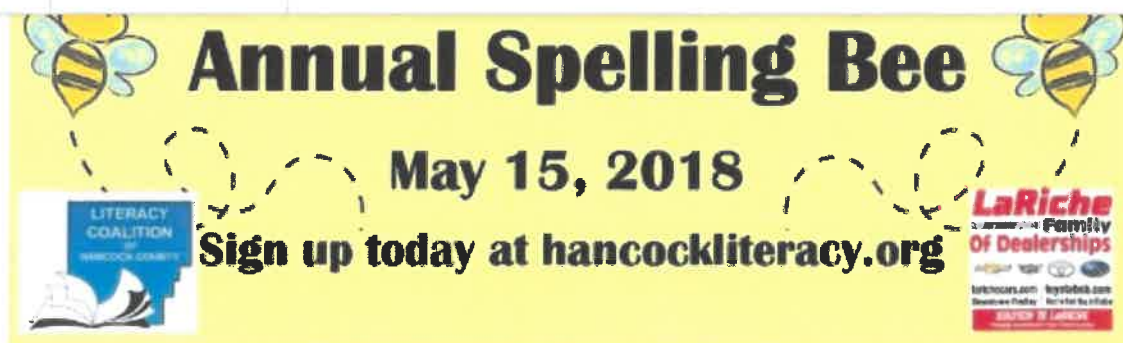
... Encourage selection by interest, not reading level.



### 10. CONNECT AND COLLABORATE

... visit libraries in person and collaborate with book clubs and discussions.

**Be PASSIONATE & PURPOSEFUL ABOUT THE POWER of READING.**

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**Annual Spelling Bee**  
**May 15, 2018**  
**Sign up today at [hancockliteracy.org](http://hancockliteracy.org)**

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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



Thank you to Wal-Mart for your donation to our Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. The donation will stay right here in Hancock County and provide books for local children in the program.





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Meet Literacy Coalition Board Member Bethany Klein  
Environmental, Safety, and Product Quality Supervisor at Marathon Petroleum

**Why did you join the Literacy Coalition?** Passion for literacy and ready to get involved in the community

**Why are you passionate about literacy?** I grew up with a love for books and reading; and now as a mother, I strive to cultivate that same passion in my children, as well as our community's children.

**Favorite book as a child:** Goodnight, Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

**What other community organizations are you involved in?** Nothing formal, but I get other volunteer opportunities with Marathon!

**Fun Fact:** Before volunteering at the LCHC-sponsored Community Spelling Bee, I competed in the event on behalf of Marathon---and my team won! Such a fun experience!

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## Hancock County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Statistics

Current Registrations – 2,150

Graduates – 1,080

Total Children reached since 9/2014 – 3,230

Total Books mailed since 9/2014 – 56,448



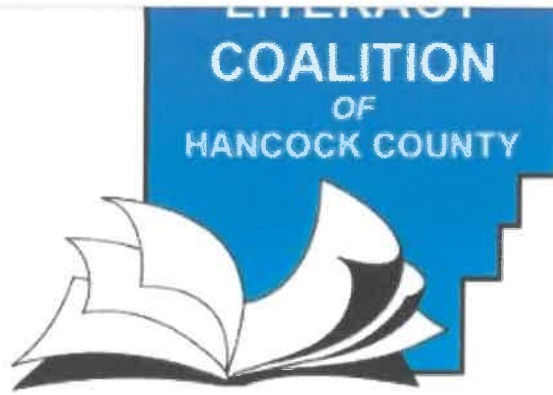
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