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Promoting Life-Long Literacy...



Director's Notes....

Have you seen Dolly Parton in the news recently? Dolly and her program were both celebrated in February for having delivered their 100 millionth book! Her book, "A Coat of Many Colors" was dedicated to the Library of Congress. Her book program started because of her own personal story regarding literacy in the fact that her dad was illiterate and it was crippling for him. As your local champion for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, we are ecstatic to be part of this great movement and to have such an impact on the local level, right here in Hancock County.

I would like to thank First Federal for stepping up and making a donation to the Literacy Coalition of Hancock County for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Without community support, we would not be able to offer this program so we

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Our Parent Partner videos will be launching soon! LIKE us on Facebook so you are informed when they are ready for you to view. I hope you pick up one or two ideas or tips from each video on how to read and interact with your child during reading time.

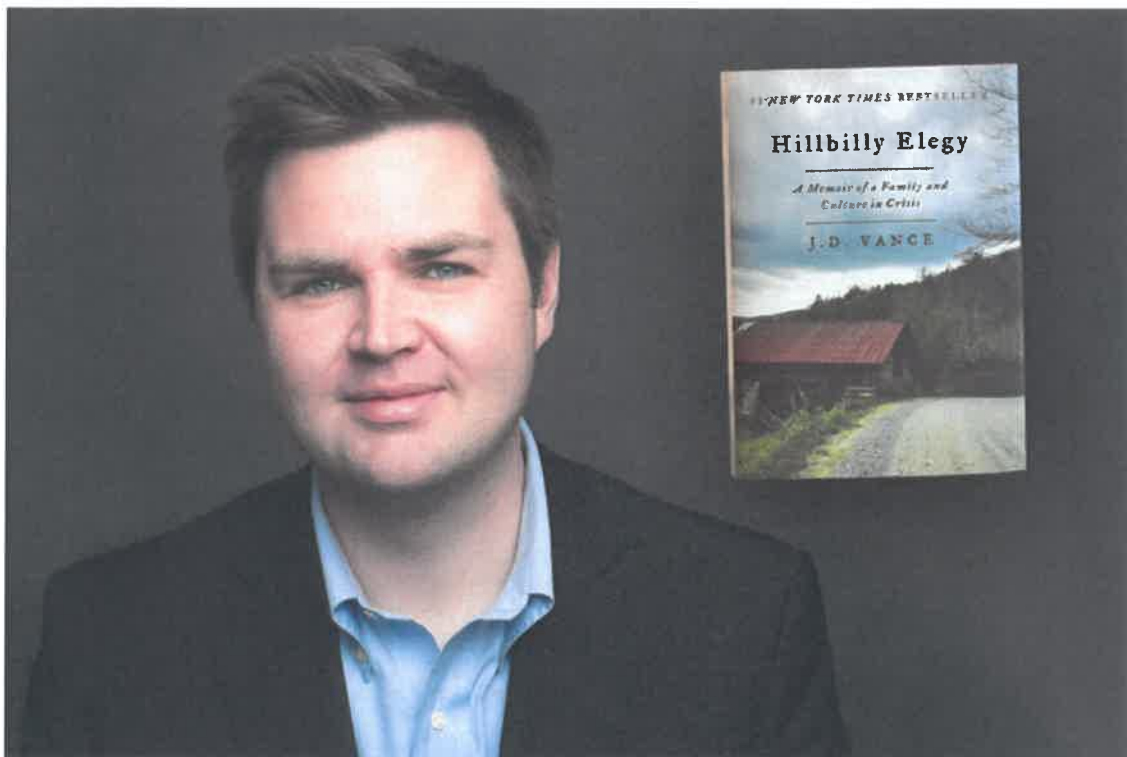
As always, if you have any questions or need any literacy assistance, PLEASE reach out to me! The coalition is here to help our community! Happy Reading!

Shannon Andersen

Director

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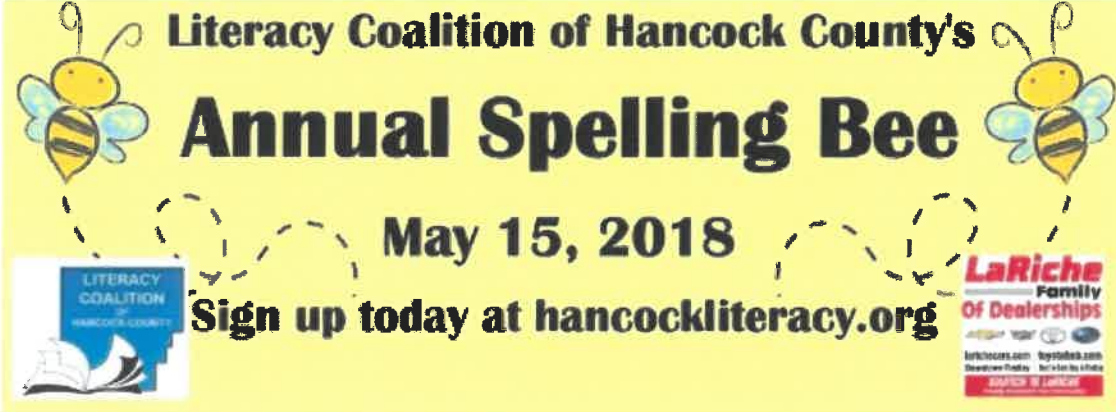


"Hillbilly Elegy" has been chosen as the featured book for the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library's 2018 CommunityREAD. J.D. Vance, *New York Times* Best-Selling Author of *Hillbilly Elegy*, will visit Hancock County on Thursday, March 22 during CommunityREAD month for a public presentation at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts.

J.D. Vance is an investor, commentator, and author of the #1 *New York Times* best seller *"Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis"*, described by *National Review* as a "brilliant book" and by *The Economist* as "one of the most important" reads of 2016. Ron Howard and Brian Grazer of Imagine Entertainment have announced plans to produce a movie based on

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"Hillbilly Elegy" is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. The decline of this group, a demographic of our country that has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, has been reported on with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. J. D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck.



Literacy Coalition of Hancock County's
Annual Spelling Bee
May 15, 2018
Sign up today at hancockliteracy.org

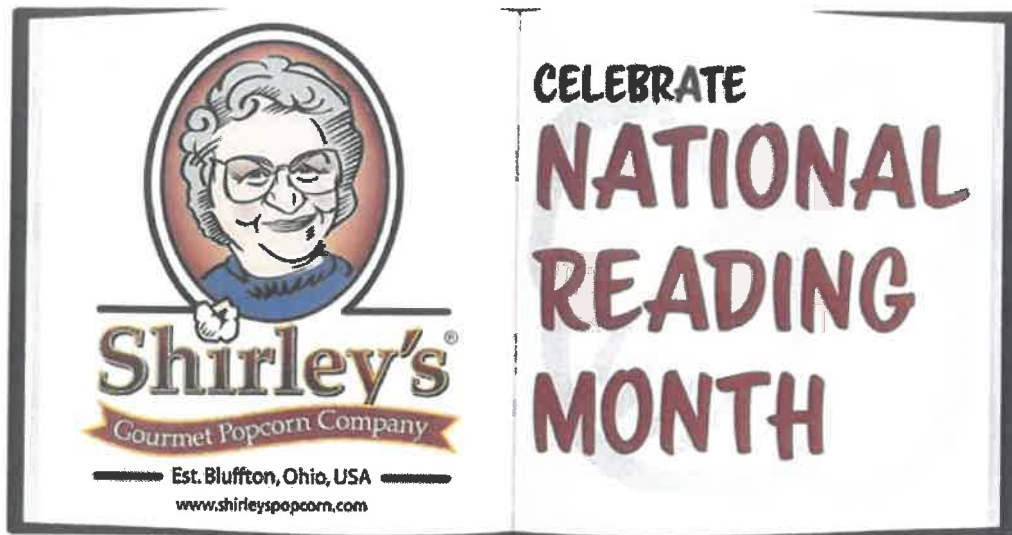
The banner features two cartoon bees on either side of the text. Below the text are logos for the Literacy Coalition of Hancock County and LaRiche Family Of Dealerships. The LaRiche logo includes the text "LaRiche Family Of Dealerships" and "LITERACY COALITION OF HANCOCK COUNTY" with a list of partner brands: Chevrolet, GMC, Buick, Cadillac, Honda, Toyota, Nissan, and Subaru.

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 First Federal Bank for your donation to our Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. The donation

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Attention all readers! Complete and log at least six hours of reading during the month of March and receive a

FREE SMALL BAG OF ANY POPCORN FLAVOR!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Pick up a reading log at your nearest Shirley's Gourmet Popcorn store, online, or on Facebook.

Complete it showing at least six hours of reading, and bring it with you and an adult (if needed) to a participating Shirley's location!

March is National Reading Month, and reading logs **must** be redeemed by Saturday, April 7, 2018.



***OFFICIAL RULES:** Offer valid in-store only for readers of all ages. Participating youth must be accompanied by an adult. One free bag per reader per day. Final day to redeem reading logs is Saturday, April 7, 2018. Visit www.shirleyspopcorn.com to find your nearest store.

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Meet Literacy Coalition Board Member Amanda Brasfield, district librarian for Findlay City Schools.

Why did you join the Literacy Coalition? The mission is close to my heart

Why are you passionate about literacy? Literacy helps people live their best

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Favorite book as an adult: Daring Greatly by Brene Brown

What other community organizations are you involved in? Findlay
Enrichment Program

Fun Fact: In 2015, my husband Jon, my son Jude, and I took a week-long trip
to Iceland.



Hancock County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Statistics

Current Registrations – 2,159

Graduates – 1,038

Total Children reached since 9/2014 – 3,197

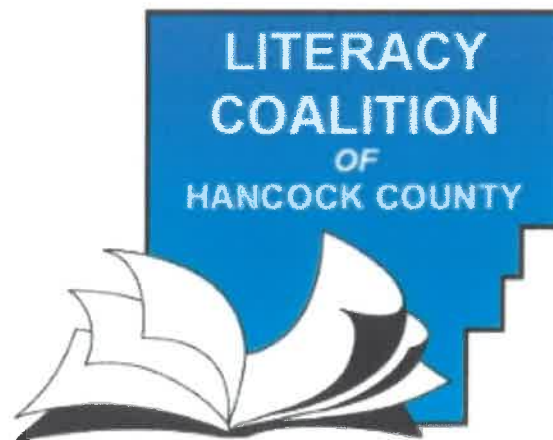
Total Books mailed since 9/2014 – 54,298

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