



Calling All Children from Birth – Age 5

Polk County Library is pleased to announce a partnership with the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL)**. The first 50 children who visit the Polk County Library during the month of **August** may enroll in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and the Ouachita Mountains Regional Library Board has agreed to sponsor the child by covering the administrative costs associated with program. The child must be under the age of 5 and currently reside in Polk County to be eligible.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library began in Tennessee in 1995 and has now reached a worldwide platform that has mailed over 1 million books! Each enrolled child who is under 5 years old receives one book each month in the mail at no cost to the parent or caregiver. Polk County Library wants to promote the joy of reading and inspire children to learn at the most critical time in brain development. Some of the benefits of early reading include increased frequency of parents reading to their children, improved kindergarten readiness scores in language and math, and higher vocabulary and reading comprehension by third grade. Additionally, children who are read to during these early years are 4 times more likely to graduate from high school. DPIL is championed locally by the Quality of Life Outreach of Polk County.

Interested parents and caregivers should visit the Polk County Library at 410 8th Street in Mena or one of the branch locations at Cove and Hatfield. For additional information, call Mary Renick, Polk County Librarian, at (479)394-2314.

Enroll your child in August and explore the joy and benefits of reading!



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Montgomery County Library is pleased to announce a partnership with the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL)**. The first 25 children who visit the Montgomery County Library during the month of **August** may enroll in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and the Ouachita Mountains Regional Library Board has agreed to sponsor the child by covering the administrative costs associated with program. The child must be under the age of 5 and currently reside in Montgomery County to be eligible.

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Interested parents and caregivers should visit the Montgomery County Library at 145A Whittington in Mt. Ida or call Phyllis Davis, Montgomery County Librarian, at (870)867-3812.

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