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Reading Into Summer, Petersburg!

June 2026

Welcome to Imagination Library's monthly e-newsletter. Below, you will find helpful information designed to keep you informed and connected to our community's ongoing work to promote literacy. We are thrilled to have you as part of our growing family of readers!

Visit our website by clicking [here](#).

In the News

Katie's Soles Brings Community Together



We loved participating in the Katie's Soles Spring Giveaway & Resource Fair in Petersburg, joining fellow community organizations to connect families with valuable resources and support. Events like these help bring families and organizations together, creating opportunities to share services, build relationships, and strengthen community connections.

Katie's Soles provides shoes, socks, and essential resources to children and families in need, helping ensure children are cared for and ready to thrive. We're thankful to partner alongside organizations making a meaningful difference for Petersburg families.

Community Partner Spotlight



Family Lifeline is a Central Virginia nonprofit dedicated to strengthening families, supporting children's healthy development, and helping older adults and individuals with disabilities live safely and independently in their homes. Through intensive, home-based services, Family Lifeline meets people where they are—building strong relationships and providing personalized support that creates lasting change.

From early childhood home visits through the Growing Well program to assistance for older adults through Living Well, Family Lifeline connects individuals and families to the resources they need to thrive. Their work is rooted in compassion, equity, and a deep commitment to the community—ensuring that every person has the opportunity to live well, safely, and with dignity.



We Love Our Local Libraries!

Libraries offer a variety of resources and tools - usually for FREE!

Not a member of [Petersburg Public Library](#)? Sign up today!

Is your reader eager to get their hands on more books?

Visit your local library!

Sign up for a library card to keep the reading momentum!



Be Gentle with Yourself this Month!

Your June 2026 Focus on The Basics Tip



Go easy on yourself.

Life can feel overwhelming, and we all make mistakes. If you plan to read with your child, and life gets in the way? That's okay. What matters is that you keep showing up, ready to share a story and time with your little one. Remember to be gentle with yourself when things don't go to plan – and know that there is no shame in asking for help. All parents need help, and by modeling gentleness with yourself, your child will handle themselves with the same care.

Visit this principle from **The Basics** [here](#).

To learn more about how you can Maximize Love, Manage Stress, [click here](#).

Early childhood organizations all around Central Virginia have joined The Basics movement, a strategy for whole communities to support vibrant learning and brain development among infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Fun, simple, and powerful, starting at birth, The Basics are five science-based parenting and caregiving principles that support social, emotional, and cognitive development. Each month **Read to Them** will highlight tips and strategies that will assist you in creating a sturdy foundation for school readiness for our youngest citizens.

Visit [TheBasicsVirginia.org](#) for more information.

Current Number of Local Imagination Library Readers



To check the availability of Imagination Library in your area, [click here](#).



As Dolly says, “You can never get enough books into the hands of enough children!”

