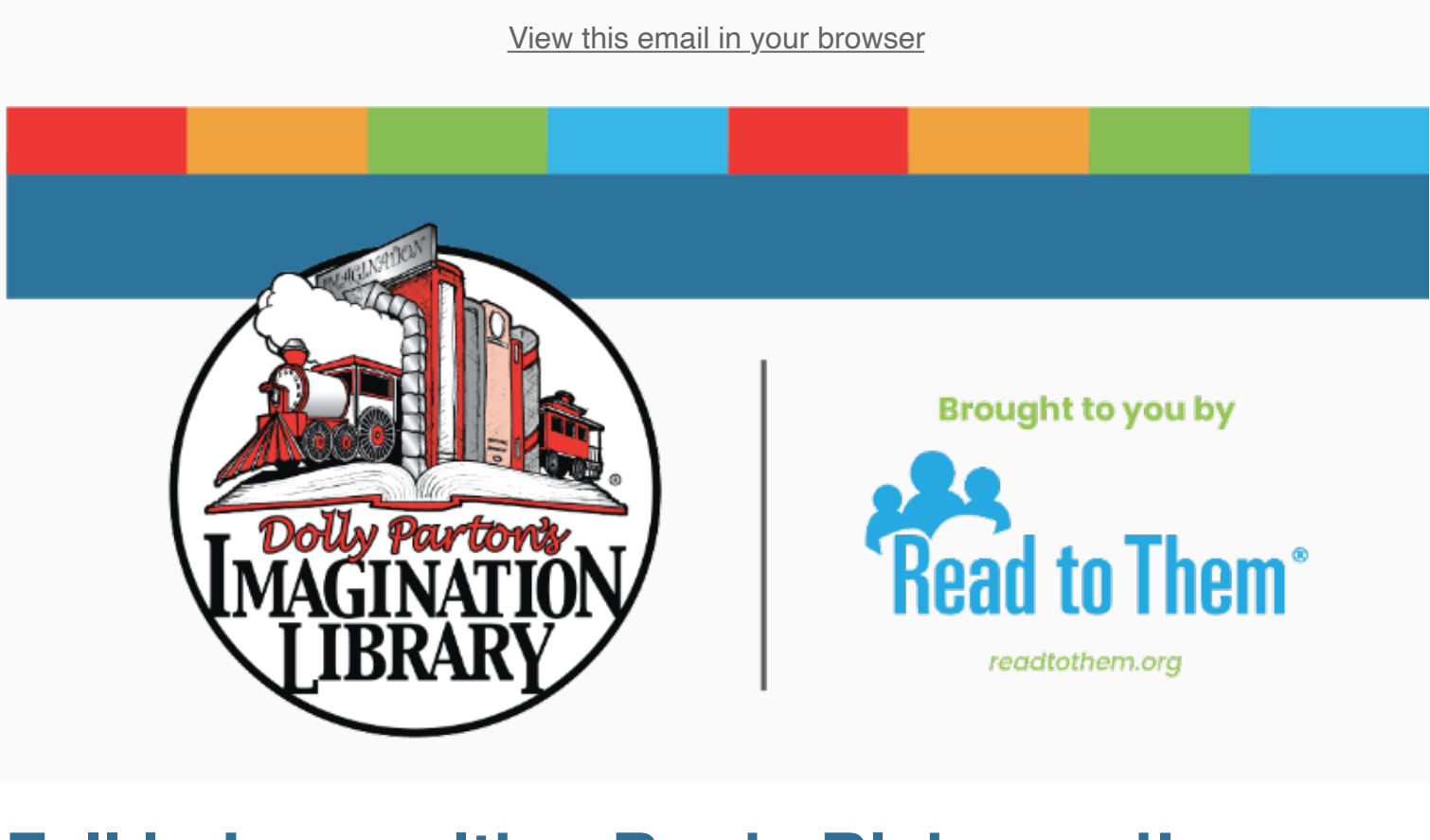




## Fall in Love with a Book, Richmond!

November 2025

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



#### IL804 Welcome Parties in Colonial Heights and Sussex!

This past month, two of our newest localities, the city of Colonial Heights and Sussex County, held Imagination Library launch parties.

Colonial Heights leaned into the fall spirit with face-painting, crafts, and many treats. They were joined by Thrive Birth to Five and The Basics Virginia, Virginia Department of Social Services, Families First, and City of Colonial Heights - Youth & Human Services.

Sussex embraced the Halloween spirit, as well. Held at Agnes Taylor Gray Library, Sussex families were welcomed with a Trunk or Treat kick-off - with lots of candy for children and their families. Both were wonderful opportunities to register children with Imagination Library, giving away books, and drumming up excitement around reading aloud with your family.

Imagination Library cannot wait for all newly registered children to begin receiving their books. Welcome to our community of readers, Colonial Heights and Sussex!

### Don't Forget to Snuggle!

Your November 2025 Reading Tip



As you're sharing a story with your child, the time spent together is as important as the act of reading. Reading aloud together is such valuable bonding time. For younger children (particularly infants or toddlers), you can try reading for shorter periods with them on your lap or have a snuggle between pages. However, children of any age are sure to remember these moments of togetherness. Children won't just recall experiencing the story – they'll remember experiencing the story with you!

### Upcoming Community Partner Events

[Click here for a full list of our community partner events in November](#)

Have a community event you would like us to include? [Email us!](#)

For even more community events for the whole family, be sure to pick up a free copy of [Richmond Family Magazine](#), available at over 850 spots all over RVA, including [these locations](#).

Weekend Events, Giveaways,  
and More

Delivered Straight to Your Inbox

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Look in the **We Love Our Local Libraries** section below for events at your local library!

### Community Partner Spotlight



#### Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)

The Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC), is Virginia's federally funded Parent Information and Training Center (PTI). Since 1978, PEATC has empowered families of children with disabilities by providing resources and tools to support informed decision-making, increased knowledge, and empowerment of families, youth and professionals.

At PEATC, we help families with children with disabilities (birth to age 26) understand their rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and other disability laws. Our free, confidential services include support in over 300 languages, with bilingual Spanish-speaking staff available. We provide resources and one-on-one assistance to help families navigate the special education and disability services systems.

PEATC collaborates with numerous state and local partners, including school divisions, to strengthen family engagement, address concerns, and promote self-advocacy skills for students with disabilities. Our website features over 250 fact sheets and resources on topics like special education, early childhood, transition services, bullying prevention, Medicaid waivers, and employment, including content specifically for military and Spanish-speaking families.

PEATC offers a wide range of free virtual and in-person trainings for families and professionals. Our events are listed on our website at [www.peatc.org](#), where you can also subscribe to our bi-weekly e-newsletter that highlights resources and upcoming trainings.

PEATC provides tools and information to empower Virginia students with disabilities (birth-age 26) and their families.

We are here to help!

Free and Confidential

Free of charge

Confidential

SUPPORT ASSISTANCE

Support Assistance

PEATC proporciona herramientas e información para empoderar a los estudiantes de Virginia con discapacidades (nacidos entre los 0 y 26 años) y sus familias.

¡Estamos aquí para ayudar!

Gratis y Confidencial

Gratuito

Confidencial

SUPPORT ASISTENCIA

Support Assistance

### We Love Our Local Libraries!

Libraries offer a variety of resources and tools - usually for FREE! Not a member of your local library? Sign up wherever you are today.

This section of our newsletter shows examples of library offerings, brought to you by [Richmond Public Libraries](#).

| Storytimes take place on a weekly basis, with the exception of holiday closures and other specified dates. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                 |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| <b>Book Babies</b>                                                                                         | Thursdays                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10:30AM         |         |
| Belmont                                                                                                    | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:00AM         |         |
| Broad Rock                                                                                                 | Bilingual sat                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Wednesdays      | 10:00AM |
| East End                                                                                                   | Tuesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10:30AM         |         |
| Cintra Park                                                                                                | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:00AM         |         |
| Hull Street                                                                                                | Tuesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 12:30PM         |         |
| Main                                                                                                       | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:30AM         |         |
| North Avenue                                                                                               | Tuesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10:30AM         |         |
| West End                                                                                                   | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:00AM         |         |
| Westover Hills                                                                                             | Tuesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10:30 & 11:30AM |         |
| <b>Toddler Time</b>                                                                                        | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:30AM         |         |
| Belmont                                                                                                    | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:30AM         |         |
| Broad Rock                                                                                                 | Except 1st Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10:30AM         |         |
| East End                                                                                                   | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:00AM         |         |
| Cintra Park                                                                                                | Thursdays                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10:30AM         |         |
| Hull Street                                                                                                | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:00AM         |         |
| Main                                                                                                       | Thursdays                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 11:50AM         |         |
| North Avenue                                                                                               | Thursdays                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10:30AM         |         |
| West End                                                                                                   | Tuesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10:50 & 11:00AM |         |
| Westover Hills                                                                                             | Thursdays                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10:30 & 11:30AM |         |
| <b>Preschool Storytime</b>                                                                                 | Tuesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10:30AM         |         |
| Belmont                                                                                                    | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:30AM         |         |
| Broad Rock                                                                                                 | Thursdays                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 5:30PM          |         |
| East End                                                                                                   | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:00AM         |         |
| Cintra Park                                                                                                | Tuesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10:30AM         |         |
| Hull Street                                                                                                | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:30AM         |         |
| Main                                                                                                       | Thursdays                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 11:00AM         |         |
| North Avenue                                                                                               | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:30AM         |         |
| West End                                                                                                   | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:00AM         |         |
| Westover Hills                                                                                             | Wednesdays                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3:00PM          |         |
| <b>Family Storytime</b>                                                                                    | Sundays                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3:30PM          |         |
| Main                                                                                                       | North Avenue                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10:00AM         |         |
| Westover Hills                                                                                             | 10:00AM                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                 |         |
| Westover Hills                                                                                             | 10:30AM                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                 |         |
| <b>Pajama Storytime</b>                                                                                    | Put on your pajamas, grab your stuffie, and head to the library for Pajama Storytime! We'll read books, dance, and have loads of fun! For families of all ages.                                                       |                 |         |
| Westover Hills                                                                                             | 10:20, 10:22, 11:24                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 7:00PM          |         |
| <b>Storytime @ SCRAP Creative Reuse</b>                                                                    | Enjoy a storytime followed by a craft led by SCRAP in their special reading room (121 W. Broadhead Park Blvd.). After the program, SCRAP will be open and available for kid-friendly browsing and shopping. Ages 3-5. |                 |         |
| SCRAP RVA                                                                                                  | 10:6, 11/3                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10:00AM         |         |
| <b>Storytime with a Firefighter</b>                                                                        | It's Fire Safety Week and we're celebrating with a very special storytime. Listen to fire-themed stories, sing songs, and visit with local firefighters. You'll even get to touch a fire truck!                       |                 |         |
| East End                                                                                                   | 10/6                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10:00AM         |         |
| Cintra Park                                                                                                | 10/9                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 12:00PM         |         |
| Hull Street                                                                                                | 10/8                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10:30AM         |         |
| Main                                                                                                       | 10/9                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10:30AM         |         |
| <b>Native American Heritage Month Storytime</b>                                                            | Children's librarian Summer, a member of the Eastern Delaware Nations, will share stories from indigenous authors and discuss Native life in the U.S. today.                                                          |                 |         |
| Broad Rock                                                                                                 | 11/20                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 4:30PM          |         |

[Click here](#) to find a complete list of upcoming events hosted by our friends at Richmond Public Libraries!

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!

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The BIG TURKEY TROT 2025

11.27.25

THANKSGIVING DAY

5K | 1 MILE | BABY RACE

Start & End @ St. Joseph's Villa

8000 Brook Rd, Richmond, VA 23227

Register Now! BIGTURKEYTROT.ORG

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### Play With Your Child This Month!



#### Act It Out.

As toddlers grow, they will start to imitate grown-up activities. This can be a wondrous opportunity to model reading aloud – such as using different voices for the characters or even acting out different plot points from within the story. Try using books with simpler plots for your at-home performance. Be sure to follow your child's lead and play along, or watch as they act out the story independently.

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

To learn more about how you can Explore Through Movement and Play, [click here](#).

Early childhood organizations all around the 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.

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### Current Number of Local Imagination Library Readers...

Celebrating

5,801 Sign-ups!

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!”



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