



A Summer Full of Stories, Petersburg!

July 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

Celebrating Family Night at the YMCA



We had a great time joining Petersburg families at the YMCA's Wild Wild West-themed Family Night! It was an evening filled with fun activities, community connections, and opportunities to share the joy of reading. We enjoyed meeting local families and handing out books to children while introducing more families to Imagination Library. Thank you to the YMCA for bringing the community together for such a memorable event!

To learn more about upcoming programs, events, and activities for families, visit the YMCA's website [here](#).

Community Partner Spotlight



At Katie's Soles, a simple pair of shoes can make a world of difference. This Petersburg-based nonprofit collects gently used shoes and new socks and redistributes them to individuals and families in need, helping improve health, boost confidence, and create pathways to educational and economic opportunities. Visit [katiessoles.org](#) to learn more about their mission, impact, and ways to get involved.

Upcoming Community Partner Events

- July 4
[Red, White & Blueberry Fest](#)
📍 River Street Market
🕒 9am-12pm 🧑 all ages
- July 6
[Movies on Mondays: "Night at the Museum"](#)
📍 Petersburg Public Library
🕒 1-3pm 🧑 all ages
- July 10
[Thank Goodness It's Craft Friday](#)
📍 Petersburg Public Library
🕒 all day 🧑 all ages
- July 13
[Movies on Mondays: "Shark Tale"](#)
📍 Petersburg Public Library
🕒 1-3pm 🧑 all ages
- July 18
[Storytime & Resource Session](#)
📍 Petersburg Public Library
🕒 11:30am-12:30pm 🧑 birth-10 years
- July 20
[Movies on Mondays: "Treasure Planet"](#)
📍 Petersburg Public Library
🕒 1-2:45pm 🧑 all ages
- July 24
[Thank Goodness It's Craft Friday](#)
📍 Petersburg Public Library
🕒 all day 🧑 all ages
- July 27
[Movies on Mondays: "Hoodwinked"](#)
📍 Petersburg Public Library
🕒 1-2:30pm 🧑 all ages



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!



Go Step by Step with Your Child This Month!

Your July 2026 Focus on The Basics Tip



Step by step.

As you sit down to read to your child, try talking through each step of the process. Try something like, "Go pick out a book. Please bring it here. Snuggle up, and open the cover..." and so on. You will be surprised by how narrating your routine will nourish your child's independence and help them feel less overwhelmed with complex tasks.

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

To learn more about how you can *Talk, Sing, Point*, [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](#).

