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Spring Into Stories, Petersburg!

March 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

Early Literacy Talks with Family Lifeline



We were excited to partner with [Family Lifeline](#) to host Early Literacy Talks for Petersburg parents and caregivers. These engaging sessions shared practical reading tips for babies, along with simple, everyday ways families can build early literacy skills at home.

From talking and singing to pointing out words during daily routines, families explored how small moments can make a big difference in a child's development.

We're grateful to everyone who joined us and to our partners at Family Lifeline for helping strengthen early literacy in our community!

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!



Dolly's on the move! Dolly had a wonderful visit to the Petersburg Public Library, where she joined Autumn, the Youth Services Library Assistant, for a fun photo op!

The Petersburg Public Library offers engaging storytimes for children ages 0-3 and 4-6, creating a joyful early literacy experience for local families. Through board books, nursery rhymes, and interactive music and movement, these programs help build language skills and foster a love of reading. Caregivers are encouraged to participate, making storytime a shared, nurturing experience.

Visitors can access free computers, WI-FI, printing, as well as eBooks, audiobooks, and online learning databases. With community meeting space, helpful staff, and programming for all ages, the Petersburg Public Library continues to support lifelong learning and access to information for Petersburg residents.

Explore their full list of services and upcoming programs at [ppls.org](#).



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!



Go Beginner Math With Your Child this Month!

Your March 2026 Focus on The Basics Tip



Add and subtract.

If your child is a little older, challenge them to a game of adding or subtracting. For instance, you could lay out a stack of books and take or add to the stack. As you're reading, you can also ask, "How many pages do we have left?" (Your child can, of course, count the remaining pages before answering.) You could then ask, "What if we read one of those pages? How many pages are left now?"

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

To learn more about how you can Count, Group, and Compare, 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.

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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