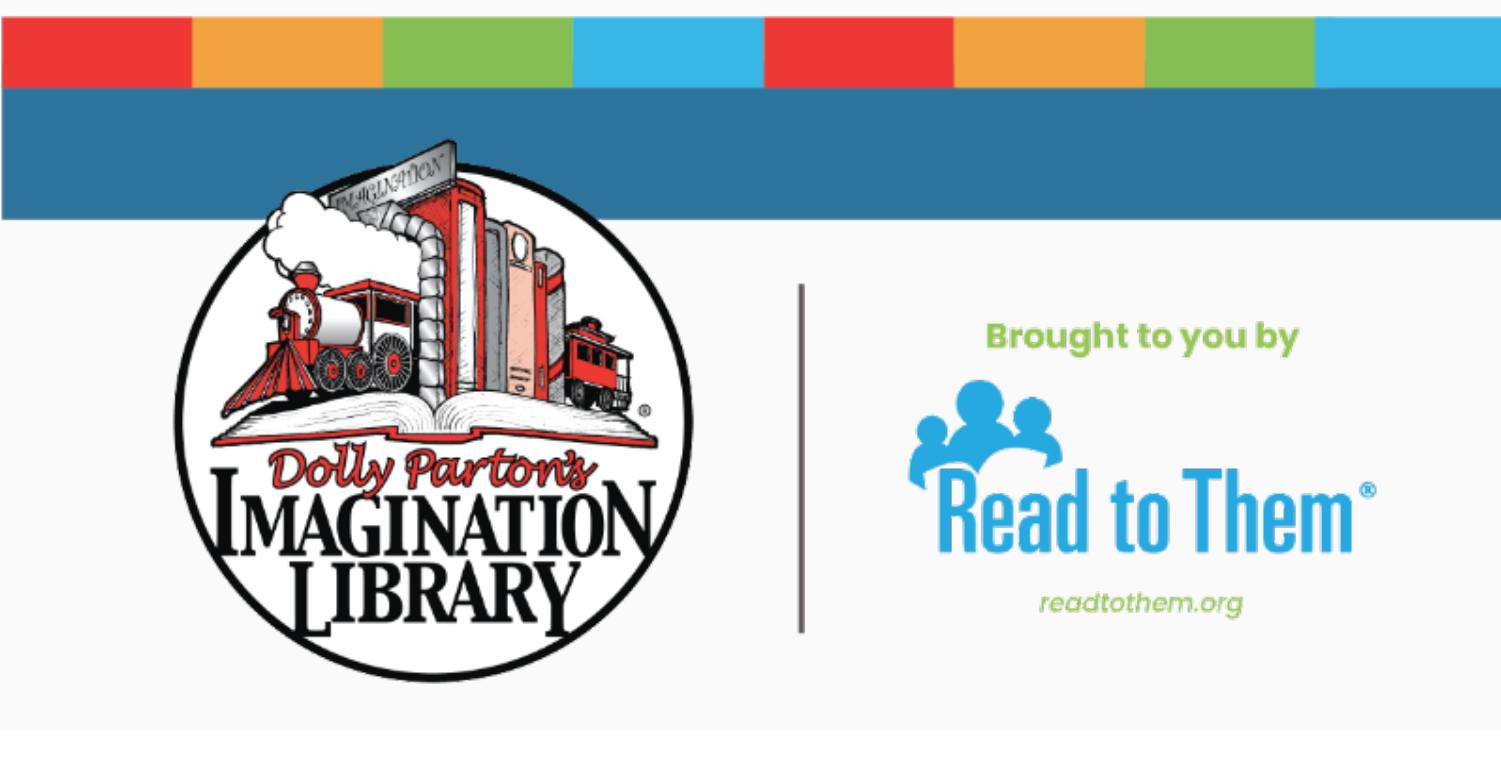


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Fall in Love With Reading, Petersburg!

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



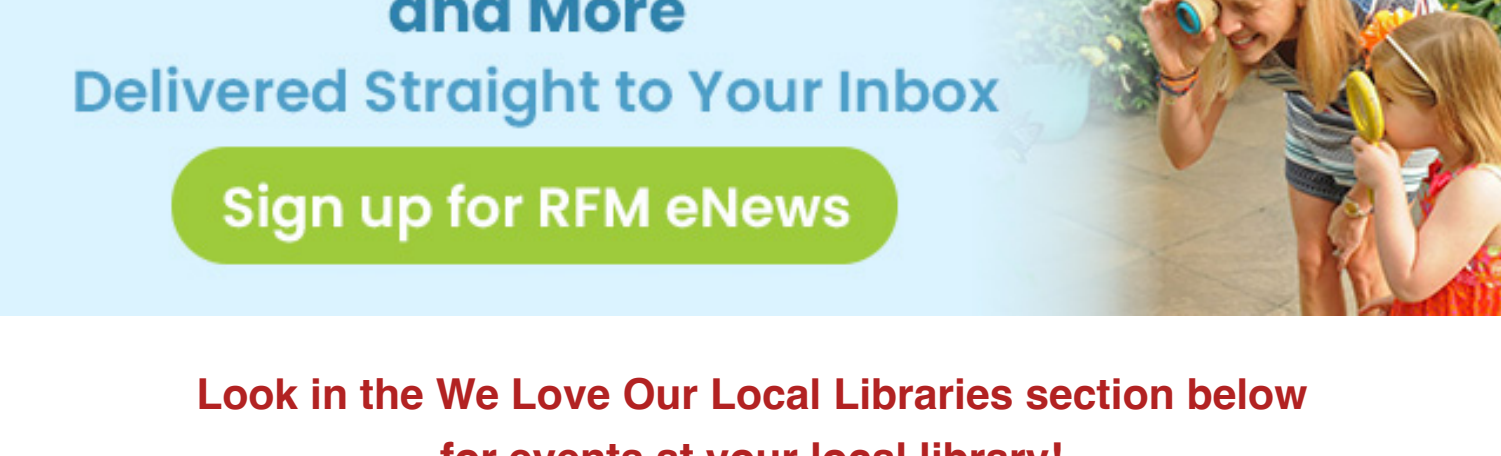
As you're sharing a story with your child, the time spent together is as important as the act of reading. Reading aloud together is such valuable bonding time. For younger children (particularly infants or toddlers), you can try reading for shorter periods with them on your lap or have a snuggle between 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 to view our full list of community partner events in October.](#)

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](#).



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.



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.

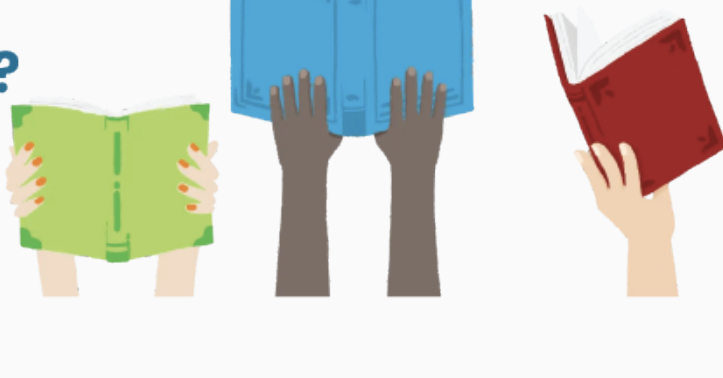
This section of our newsletter shows examples of library offerings, brought to you by [Petersburg Public Library](#).

Have a GREAT fall with Petersburg Public Library!

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



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!



Play With Your Child This Month!



Act it out.

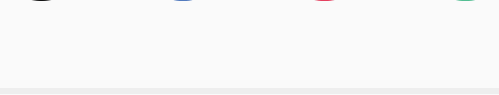
As toddlers grow, they will start to imitate grown-up activities. This can be a wondrous opportunity to model reading aloud – such as using different voices for the characters or even acting out different plot points from within the story. Try using books with simpler plots for your at-home performance. 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 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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