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Let's Have Reading Fun in the Summer Sun, Richmond! August 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!

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In the News



"Safe Sleep" and Imagination Library

Earlier this month, Imagination Library had the opportunity to support Urban Baby Beginnings and Bon Secours at a safe sleep event at the Hopewell Community Center. The event encouraged families to learn the ABC's of infant safe sleep best practices, for rest without worry. Families had access to community resources such as free developmental screenings and vision screenings for children. There was plenty of fun for the kids, too! The event boasted sweet treats, raffles, and even special visits from mascots dressed as Minnie Mouse and a Despicable Me Minion for a memorable photo-op.

Authors Are Your Friends!

Your August 2025 Reading Tip



One way to make books really come alive is to build relationships with favorite authors. When you find authors you love, read lots of their books. You'll start to notice things that are both familiar and new across their work. Further, most authors are on social media these days. Let them know you and your child are enjoying their stories.

Upcoming Community Partner Events

- Saturday, August 2nd Summer Reading Finale
Monday, August 4th Storytime @ SCRAP Creative Reuse (first Monday of every month)
Wednesday, August 6th Special STEAM Storytime w/ VCU Project STEAM
Thursday, August 7th Special STEAM Storytime w/ VCU Project STEAM
Thursday, August 14th Water Balloon Toss
Monday, August 18th Race Car Painting for Toddlers & PreK
Monday, August 18th Special STEAM Storytime w VCU Project STEAM
Tuesday, August 19th STEAM team: Ice Tower Excavation
Friday, August 22nd Tunes and Toons: Mickey Mouse Clubhouse
Monday, August 25th Pajama Storytime
Tuesday, August 26th Sensory Sprouts: Summer Adventure
Wednesday, August 27th Shrink Art Keychains
Thursday, August 28th Craft Corner: Puff Paint Rainbows

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

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.

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Community Partner Spotlight

Trail Kids RVA



Trail Kids RVA is a 501(c)3 non-profit community of nature-loving families based in the Richmond, VA area. Founded in 2023 by a group of parents passionate about the outdoors, their mission is to provide free hikes, outdoor programs, and resources to encourage families and kids of all ages to get outside.

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.

Have a GREAT summer with Richmond Public Library!

Click here to find a complete list of upcoming events hosted by our friends at Richmond Public Libraries!

Richmond Public Library Kids & Family events calendar with various activities and dates.

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!

Make Sounds With Your Child This Month!



Put words to feelings.

When reading with your child, try to pay attention to your child's sounds, movements, and facial expressions. The more you read with your child, the clearer their story preferences will become—and the more visible their reactions! It will become obvious which stories they enjoy compared to those they may not enjoy as much.

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.

Visit theBasicsVirginia.org for more information.

Current Number of Local Imagination Library Readers...

Celebrating 4,688 Sign-ups!

Check availability in your area today!

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



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