



The Imagination Library of the Prescott Area

CHAPTER CHAT

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ENROLLMENT

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2904 Children Enrolled

Prescott	859
Prescott Valley.....	1,124
Chino Valley	372
Dewey Humboldt	187
Mayer Area.....	136
Paulden	123
Other Areas	103



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and Republic of Ireland.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 20 - Yavapai County Funding Partnership Grant Reception
- Aug 22 - United Way Site Visit
- Aug 23 - Wildflower Celebration Outreach
- Sep 10 - ILPA Board Meeting
- Sep 11 - Connected Motherhood Outreach
- Oct 11 - AAUW Presentation
- Nov 4 - PEO Presentation

PAST EVENTS

- Jun 17-19 - DPIL 30th Anniversary Conference
- Jun 20 - Networking with the Verde Valley Imagination Library
- Jun 26 - Prescott Chamber Mixer
- Jul 26 - Findlay Toyota Backpack Event
- Jul 30 - Upside Preschool Open House
- Aug 8 - Joy of Giving Luncheon
- Aug 13 - ILPA Board Meeting

ILPA Board Member Highlight



Noel DeSousa served 22 of his 40 years in public education as an elementary classroom teacher, and seeing the difficulties that many children experienced with their literacy skills, it was a "short trip" for him to get enthusiastic about a program like the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. As a Rotarian, when he became aware that funding was available through grants through the three local Prescott Rotary clubs

along with collaboration with the Friends of the Prescott Public Library, it was a done-deal. Noel has remained involved as a board member with the program ever since its inception in 2019 in Prescott and especially since its expansion to all 22 ZIP codes in western Yavapai County in 2022. In addition to currently serving as the board chair/co-chair, his role is writing grants, soliciting donations and making presentations to local groups about this wonderful program.

DPIL 30th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

The 2025 Homecoming Conference was a milestone celebration - 30 years of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library! This year's virtual conference had a diverse lineup of inspiring speakers, engaging workshops, and opportunities to connect with fellow program partners and friends.

The event was attended by nearly 1000 representatives from local affiliates from 5 countries, including the U.S., Canada, Australia, Ireland, and the UK. We are proud to share that we had 5 attendees from our board alone!

We were treated to 3 days of fun, informative and inspiring sessions covering a variety of topics such as: fundraising, marketing, outreach, new DPIL tools and procedures, Braille book offerings, early childhood literacy, and author/illustrator presentations, just to include a few.



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DONOR RECOGNITION

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Platinum \$5,000+

Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County
United Way of Yavapai County
Brent Reese Family Foundation
Burton Family Foundation

Silver \$1,000+

Deanne Brewster
Jacqueline Price
Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation
Prescott SunUp Rotary Foundation
Prescott Rotary Foundation
Prescott Women Who Care

**Thank you
so much!**

EXPANDING ACCESS FOR ALL READERS

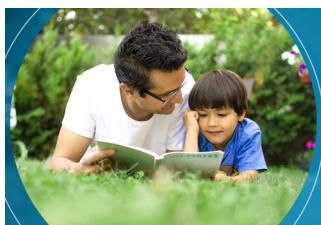
At the Imagination Library of the Prescott Area (ILPA), we believe every child deserves the magic of story time, and thanks to a powerful collaboration, that magic is now even more accessible.

Since 2011, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) has partnered with the American Printing House for the Blind, Inc. (APH) to ensure that children who are blind or have low vision can enjoy many of the same beloved books that arrive in the mailboxes of children across our community. Through this partnership, numerous DPIL titles are now available in braille and audio formats, bringing tactile and auditory reading experiences into homes where traditional print isn't an option.

Why does this matter? Because literacy is for everyone. Early reading experiences lay the foundation for language development, imagination, confidence, and a lifelong love of learning regardless of how a child interacts with the page.

Your continued support of ILPA is helping us reach more children than ever before, and now that includes children who read with their fingers, their ears, and their hearts. We're proud to be part of a program that centers inclusion and equity in such meaningful ways.

Thank you for making it possible for *all* children in our area to grow up with stories in their hands and now, at their fingertips.



**Give the Gift
of Reading**

The children of our community need your support! Please consider donating to the Imagination Library of the Prescott Area. **[DONATE](#)**

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