



JANUARY Newsletter



Dolly Parton and You: Helping Kids Thrive

When it comes to kids and reading, this community is all in. SELF set a December goal to raise \$10,000 for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. By the time the calendar flipped to 2022, that effort had brought in \$14,420! You helped 576 kids receive books — one a month from age birth to 5.

Though we just kicked it off in late September, so far we have over 2,700 children registered in the program. It’s easy! **Just click here.** If your child lives in Clark, Skamania or Klickitat counties and is under 5, you can register him or her at no charge to you.

If you would like to pay it forward, you can donate at the same link. And if you don’t have kids but want to help raise a community of readers, feel free to click that link and donate. It’s just \$25 per child per year.

Many thanks to **Jan and Steve Oliva** and to the **Ed and Dollie Lynch Fund** for major donations to get Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library off the ground in Southwest Washington.

The State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction sees so much value in young children having a library of books to call their own, they have agreed to fund half the cost of the books. OSPI and the United Way of Washington will be seeking ongoing state funding during the 2023 legislative session.

With Gratitude,

Debbie Ham
Executive Director



Love working with kids? Make it a career!

If the perspective of a child brings joy to your heart, SELF can help you know that joy every day. We have a wide variety of job openings — early childhood education specialist, assistant cook, lead teacher, assistant teacher, bilingual, school age, Head Start, and many more.

Check out the entire list **at this link.** That link also leads to an application.

“Only where children gather is there any real chance of fun.”

- Mignon McLaughlin, Journalist and Author

**Don’t miss out on the fun!
Join the SELF team today!**

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