

Short Chapters From the Library  
Kris Wiley for The News-Review

Please join us for a celebration of the fifth anniversary of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in our community at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Youth Services Librarian Aurora Ropp will present Storytime, which features stories, songs, fingerplays and movement rhymes perfect for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

Following Storytime, we will take time to thank local foundations, organizations, businesses and individuals who have supported the program with their grants and donations. Light refreshments will be served.

Imagination Library is a book-gifting program that mails one new, free, age-appropriate book to registered children from birth to fifth birthday every month.

Our Local Program Partner, Friends of the Roseburg Public Library, serves youth in the Glide, Idlewild Park, Roseburg, Wilbur and Winchester zip codes. Local Program Partners support youth in most of Douglas County and the state.

Since we launched our program, 2,750 children have participated, and 61,000 books have been mailed. About 1,500 children currently are registered.

It costs \$26 per child per year to fund Imagination Library. Since May, the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care has supported local partners with a 50% funding match. The rest is generated locally by champions of early literacy.

To support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, drop off cash or a check made out to Friends of the Roseburg Public Library at the library, or mail a donation to the Friends at P.O. Box 1921, Roseburg, OR 97470.

To register children for Imagination Library, visit [www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com), and click "Check Availability."

### **Friends Book Sale**

Speaking of the Friends, their fall book sale last week raised \$2813 for library projects and programs. Buyers contributed an additional \$181 to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, enough to fund free books for one year for 14 local children.

Thank you, Friends, for sharing your time and talent. I appreciate you.

Leftover books from the sale have been moved to the Friends Book Store inside the library, where they are available for free until the December sale.

## **Digital Magazines Update**

The library added digital magazines to our collection on July 1, and patrons checked out 456 issues in the first two months. This number compares favorably with other Oregon libraries that have similar numbers of cardholders (6,500).

The most popular titles included Cook's Illustrated, National Geographic, The New Yorker and Us Weekly.

Digital magazines are available through the Libby app or at [library2go.overdrive.com](https://library2go.overdrive.com). Log in with a valid Roseburg Public Library card. The default password is the 10-digit phone number used to create the library account.

Library staff is available to help set up mobile devices. Call 541-492-7051 to schedule an appointment, which typically lasts 20 minutes.

## **This Week's Library Event**

Thursday, September 19, 6:30 p.m. – Author Eileen Garvin virtual visit (gather at the library or watch on Facebook Live at [www.facebook.com/roseburglibrary](https://www.facebook.com/roseburglibrary))