
Number of children currently registered in each town

- Arlington - 61
- Bennington - 333
- Bondville - 7
- Danby - 24
- Dorset - 24
- East Dorset - 19
- Manchester - 86
- North Bennington - 41
- Pawlet - 9
- Pownal - 49
- Rupert - 6
- Peru - 3
- Readsboro - 8
- Sandgate - 5
- Shaftsbury - 47
- Stamford - 6
- Sunderland - 10
- Winhall - 5
- Woodford - 6

Total Books Mailed since start of program (July 2019)

6,197



READING THROUGH CHALLENGES

What an eventful first year for Shire Kids! Over 800 children in Bennington County and the town of Danby have enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, our flagship program. Enrolled children receive a free, new, age-appropriate book mailed to their home every month until their 5th birthday. The Dolly Parton Foundation manages publishing and mailing books, while Shire Kids pays approximately \$25/child per year for each enrolled child and manages the enrollment process. Visit imaginationlibrary.com for more information.

As the Coronavirus pandemic swept across the US in early March, Shire Kids set to work ensuring that all children enrolled in our program would continue to receive their free book every month, and we also sent additional free 'mini-bundles' to families who requested extra books. With access to preschools and libraries suddenly cut off, the demand for Imagination Library books was even greater.

The program includes diverse books covering a spectrum of culturally relevant topics including facing adversity, socioeconomic differences, celebrating gender differences, and highlight Latino, Black, and Native American characters. Books are selected to be developmentally age-appropriate for each age group.

Shire Kids will be refocusing our mission on building community in the upcoming year and we look forward to you being a part of that community! Follow us on social media, visit our website, and please email or call with any questions or suggestions!



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