



JANUARY 2023  
REPORT TO DONORS

Total Books Mailed

35,000+

since inception in 2019

Towns Served

Arlington

Bennington

Danby

Dorset

Glastenbury

Jamaica

Landgrove

Londonderry

Manchester

Newfane

Peru

Pownal

Readsboro

Rupert

Sandgate

Searsburg

Shaftsbury

South Londonderry

Stamford

Stratton

Sunderland

Townshend

Wardsboro

Weston

Windham

Winhall

Woodford



## READING BEGINS AT BIRTH

A new year has dawned and with it all the promises of the year to come. Thank you for being a part of the community that supports early childhood literacy in Southern Vermont.

We know that reading begins at birth, and the benefits of a home library go far beyond the simple act of reading. Research proves reading at home fosters a love of reading, kindergarten readiness and social & emotional intelligence. By providing books every month at no cost to families, the Imagination Library increases childhood literacy rates and promotes a culture of reading among families in Southern Vermont. When you donate to Shire Kids, your support has a ripple effect in our community. First and foremost, you are sending books to the child's home. Second, you are empowering parents, caregivers and grandparents with the tools and resources they need to encourage literacy development for their children. Third, you are helping to prepare the next generation of Vermonters with an excellent first step in their lifetime of learning.

By The Numbers:

14,082 - total Imagination Library books mailed in 2022

1,088 - Southern Vermont children currently enrolled

378 - town with the largest number of enrolled children: Bennington

1 - town with the smallest number of enrolled children: Searsburg

60 - percentage of children enrolled in towns that we serve

575 - children have graduated from the Imagination Library on their 5th birthday

None of this would be possible without your support!

Sincerely,

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