
Number of children currently registered in each town

Arlington - 78
Bennington - 380
Bondville - 10
Danby - 26
Dorset - 31
East Dorset - 23
Manchester - 125
Pawlet - 16
Pownal - 58
Rupert - 10
Peru - 6
Readsboro - 8
Sandgate - 7
Searsburg - 1
Shaftsbury - 62
Stamford - 9
Sunderland - 15
Winhall - 7
Woodford - 6

889

Total Books Mailed since start of program (July 2019)

10,230

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IT WAS A GOOD YEAR TO READ

What a year! We will all remember 2020. With so many challenges presented to our community and our children this year, I am amazed every day by the signs of hope and positivity for our future.

This year Shire Kids grew in many ways thanks to the incredible support of our donors. Over 600 new children in Bennington County and the town of Danby enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, bringing the total number of children served by Shire Kids to over 1,000. Currently, 889 children are actively enrolled and receive a new book from the Imagination Library every month. They will continue to do so every month until their fifth birthday.

Shire Kids added two members to our all-volunteer Board of Directors. Rehana Grip brings over a decade of experience in graphic communications, fundraising and community building. Heather McGuire is a Library Media Specialist at BRSU and brings insight on youth book trends and knowledge of the academic environment our children will enter into after graduating from the Imagination Library.

Awareness of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library grew exponentially this year, as evidenced by the continued increase in enrollment across the globe and addition of new Imagination Library Programs. Shire Kids is spearheading efforts to create a coalition among Vermont nonprofits that operate Imagination Library programs (currently there are eight!), and advocate for the program to our legislators and to towns where the program is not yet available.

Thank you for helping to bring the love of reading to our community. We're excited to continue to grow in 2021, and are counting on your continued support.

Sincerely,

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