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## Maury County's Imagination Library Serves All Children from Birth to Age 5!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation, and the South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance are proud to partner on making this incredible program available to all young children who reside in Maury County. Parents or guardians can enroll children at no charge to receive one age appropriate book per month delivered to the child's home. Maury Regional Hospital offers new parents the opportunity to enroll and receive the first book *The Little Engine Who Could* before mom & baby even leave the hospital. Enrollments can also be made online at [www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com) or at the following locations: Maury County Public Library in Columbia and Mt. Pleasant, Spring Hill Public Library, Maury County Health Department, or Columbia Pediatric Clinic.

This program is entirely supported through donations made to the Imagination Library. All donations are matched 100% by the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation. Presently, 4,000 Maury County children are enrolled in the program. It costs \$30.00 per year to support one child. A \$15.00 donation is matched with \$15.00 from the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation, and furnished 12 hard cover books each year to a child. If enrolled from birth, a child will begin kindergarten with a personal library of 60 books!

For more information, or to become involved as a volunteer, contact the South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance at 931.375.4201.

**CAPTION FOR PHOTO:** Kei Pace, Spring Hill Elementary Literacy Coach, enjoys reading with Michael, Allie, and Rachel Armenia one of over **164,600** Imagination Library books received by participating Maury County children since 2005.