



RUSH EARLY LEARNING COALITION

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# First5

**90% OF BRAIN  
DEVELOPMENT  
HAPPENS BY AGE 5**  
HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO  
TO HELP YOUR CHILD:

# READ



Read books and encourage your child to read with you.

## 2 WAYS to READ with your child:

1. Sign your little up to receive a **FREE** book monthly from the Imagination Library by scanning the QR code!

A huge thank you to WIFE 94.3 FM for the initial donation to begin this program in Rush County and to the family of Wilma Jo Kile for making a donation in her memory to sustain this program for many years to come!

2. Join **1,000 books before kindergarten** at the **Rushville Public Library!**

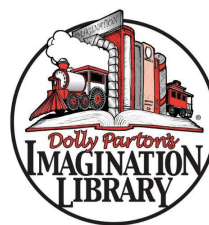
The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. **If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year.** That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think!

## Enroll by visiting:

[www.rushvillelibrary.com/1000-books-before-kindergarten](http://www.rushvillelibrary.com/1000-books-before-kindergarten)  
or stop by the library!

Did you know all kids in Rushville + Rush County receive a FREE library card!

ask your little to help read the book.  
can they turn the pages? can they tell a story  
by looking at the pictures?



“YOU CAN NEVER GET ENOUGH  
**BOOKS**  
INTO THE HANDS  
OF ENOUGH  
**CHILDREN**”  
*Dolly*

## INSPIRE A LOVE OF READING IN RUSH COUNTY!

Enroll your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and get a **FREE BOOK** every month until their 5th birthday.

“ Our daughter **LOVES READING** and being read to, and the **VARIETY** she receives from the Imagination Library is a **SIGNIFICANT** part of this ”

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Republic of Ireland.



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# First5

Know early. Grow early.



First5 Rush County's  
Early Learning Coalition

To learn more about First5 visit our website  
[www.rushcountycfoundation.org/first5/](http://www.rushcountycfoundation.org/first5/)



Favorite books:

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Early Literacy Tip: Rereading familiar stories enhances your child's understanding. Go ahead, read it again!

## How to participate:

1. Visit Rushville Public Library to sign up (it's free!)
2. Read with your child. For each book you read (yes, repeats count!)
3. Fill out the reading log for the first 100 books!
4. Return your completed log to the library and your child will receive a small prize!
5. Repeat steps 2-4
6. When your child's read 1,000 books, they will receive a special book and be recognized!
7. Books read at daycare, school, and library count too!

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