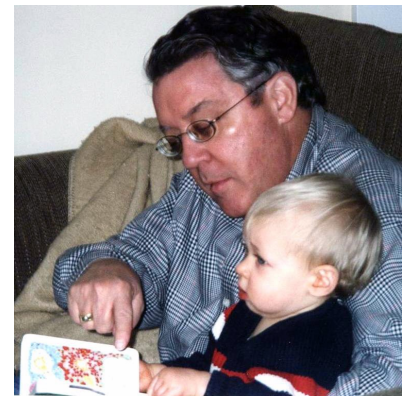


"The importance of books in the lives of young children cannot be overstated. Young children who are frequently read to tend to do better in school."

**Stephen Krusich, Superintendent
Lenawee Intermediate School District**

"Literacy is our goal and we plan to make it happen in Lenawee County."

**Shelley Hickman, Chairman
Lenawee Imagination Library**



"When you expose your children to books, like the wonderful titles provided by the Imagination Library, you impact their early literacy skills, and life-long learning. These books not only help prepare children for success in school - reading them together is fun!"

**Carol Souchock, Director
Adrian Public Library**



"Books, to the reading child, are so much more than books -- they are dreams and knowledge, they are a future, and a past." Esther Meynell

The Lenawee Imagination Library is sponsored by the Lenawee Community Foundation in partnership with the Lenawee Intermediate School District and the following local libraries:

- Adrian Public Library
- Clinton Township Library
- Hudson City Library
- Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library (Blissfield)
- Stair Public Library (Morenci)
- Tecumseh District Library
- Lenawee County Library, including
 - Addison Public Library
 - Britton Village Library
 - Clayton Library
 - Onsted Branch Library
 - Roberts Ingold Memorial Library (Deerfield)



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Lenawee Imagination Library -- A program of Lenawee Community Foundation



What is Lenawee Imagination Library?

The Lenawee Imagination Library delivers a new, age-appropriate book every month to children ages 0 to 5, who live in Lenawee County.

How are children selected for the program?

Any child within the age range can be enrolled. The program targets low-income families, because these parents are less likely to read to their children, and these children have less access to books of their own and are less likely to succeed in school. When fully activated, it is estimated that approximately 4,000 of Lenawee's 6,000 children ages 0-5 will be enrolled in the program.



What is the cost of the program?

The cost is approximately \$30 per child per year. The national sponsor does not allow local communities to charge families for the books to ensure that low-income families receive the books. However, families with the means to cover the cost of the books will be asked to make contributions.

How can the cost of the books be so low?

Even though the books typically retail for significantly more, only \$30 per child per year covers the cost of 12 new books delivered directly to each child's home. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library, funded by The Dollywood Foundation, discounts the book costs and mails the books to each child.

Why is the Lenawee Imagination Library being started?

Research documents that 70% of school dropouts have poor literacy skills. Because 90% of a child's brain development occurs between ages 0-5, it is crucial that all parents are aware of the importance of reading to their children, and that they do so. We believe that the Lenawee Imagination Library can increase school success by helping to prepare children to learn in kindergarten and beyond.

What results are expected?

Other communities that have initiated the Imagination Library have documented an average of 70% of the families reading more to their children. Additionally, kindergarten teachers report that children who have received the Imagination Library books enter school better prepared to learn.

Where can I learn more about the Lenawee Imagination Library?

Contact the Lenawee Community Foundation at (517) 423-1729 or shammersmith@ubat.com.



Give a gift that keeps on giving...

- ◆ Make a gift in honor of your favorite teacher, principal, librarian, family member or friend. A great idea for birthdays or holidays.
- ◆ Make a gift in remembrance of someone special in your life.

Gifts received in honor or remembrance will be acknowledged according to your wishes.

Make checks payable to the Lenawee Community Foundation - Imagination Library and mail to P.O. Box 142, Tecumseh, MI 49286

Yes! I'd like to support the Lenawee Imagination Library with:

- \$30 (1 child/12 books for a year)
- \$60 (2 children/24 books for a year)
- \$90 (3 children/36 books for a year)
- \$120 (4 children/48 books for a year)
- \$150 (5 children/60 books for a year)
- \$300 (10 children/120 books for a year)
- \$600 (20 children/240 books for a year)
- \$900 (30 children/360 books for a year)
- \$_____ Other

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