



Birth – 5 Education

**Inspire a love of reading first.
Then teach reading.**

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Verde Valley
Imagination
Library



BORN LEARNING

Inspire Parents, Inspired Kids

Lovingly Sharing Books & Stories
Nurtures

Language, Listening & Attention Skills



**Parents
really
are the
first
teachers!**

Bedtime Bonding



A CHILD'S BRAIN GROWS TO 80% OF ADULT SIZE BY AGE 3

**Language
at age 3
predicts
school
success.**





CHILDREN WHO
START SCHOOL BEHIND
ARE MORE LIKELY TO:

- Struggle
- Remain behind
- Repeat grades
- Act up
- Give up
- Drop out

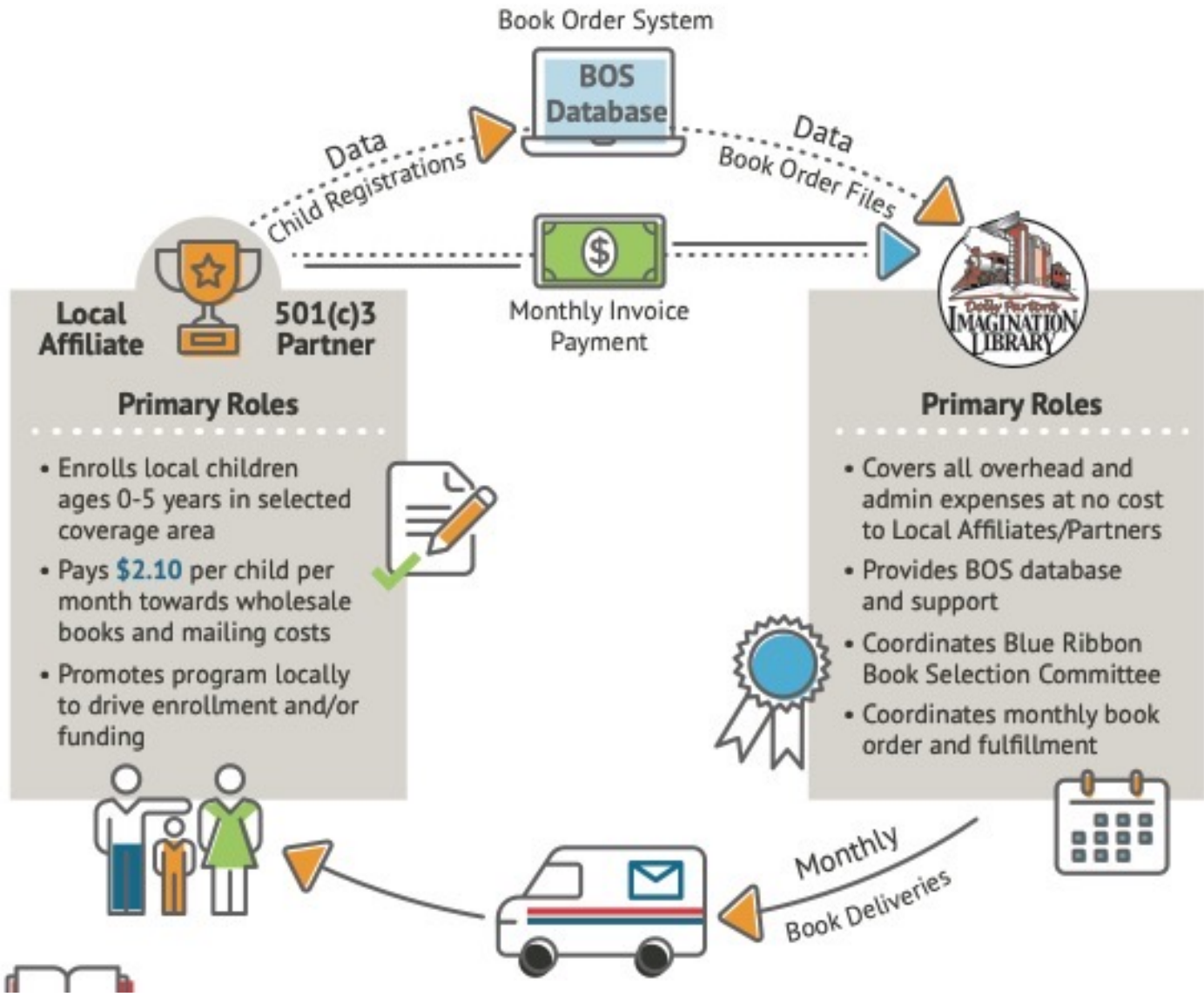


DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

- **Mails the gift of a book every month**
- **Serves children birth to age 5**
- **Free to all children in participating areas**

OVER 1.7 MILLION CHILDREN REGISTERED!

**United States, United Kingdom, Canada,
Australia and Republic of Ireland.**





Newborn
nurses
help
parents
enroll

IMAGINATION LIBRARY IS UNIQUE!

Child's name is on the book
Kids love getting mail.
Excited about reading!



Easy & free for parents
All kids under 5 qualify
High quality books
Establishes reading habits



HOW BOOKS ARE SELECTED

Publisher: Penguin Random House.

Book Selection Committee: **Early Childhood Literacy Experts**

Selected for the child's developmental age.

12 books are bilingual in English & Spanish

Themes & Concepts: **Inspiration & Imagination**

Other Themes:

Love of reading and learning
Respect for the environment
Appreciation of the arts

Regard for diversity of people
Promotion of self-esteem
Appreciation of nature



I JUST WANT TO SAY GOOD NIGHT

by Rachel Isadora

A GIRL IN AN AFRICAN VILLAGE STALLS AT bedtime by saying good night to everything around her.

For the first reading, curl up with your child and read the book together. Enjoy. For the next readings, here are some ideas for activities to do with your child. Don't try to do everything each time you read it. And most of all, have fun and enjoy sharing the story with your child.

STARTING UP

- Pull out this book at bedtime. Talk about your child's bedtime routine, then lead in to the book: "Let's see this girl's bedtime routine."
- Look at the cover together. Have your child point to things he or she recognizes, such as the goat, the plant, and the house.

Parent tips, Teacher tips!

sleep:

- Learning on the Go:
 - Before bedtime, take turns saying good night to things in the room.
 - Look at the moon and stars through a window. Talk about how people in Africa can see the same moon and stars that you can see.

These Reading Activities are Presented in Collaboration
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**LIBRARY OF
CONGRESS**

IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Improves early childhood literacy for *children enrolled in the program.*





Verde Valley Affiliate

2100 Children Served in 2021
23,000 Books Mailed Last Year
Essential Service

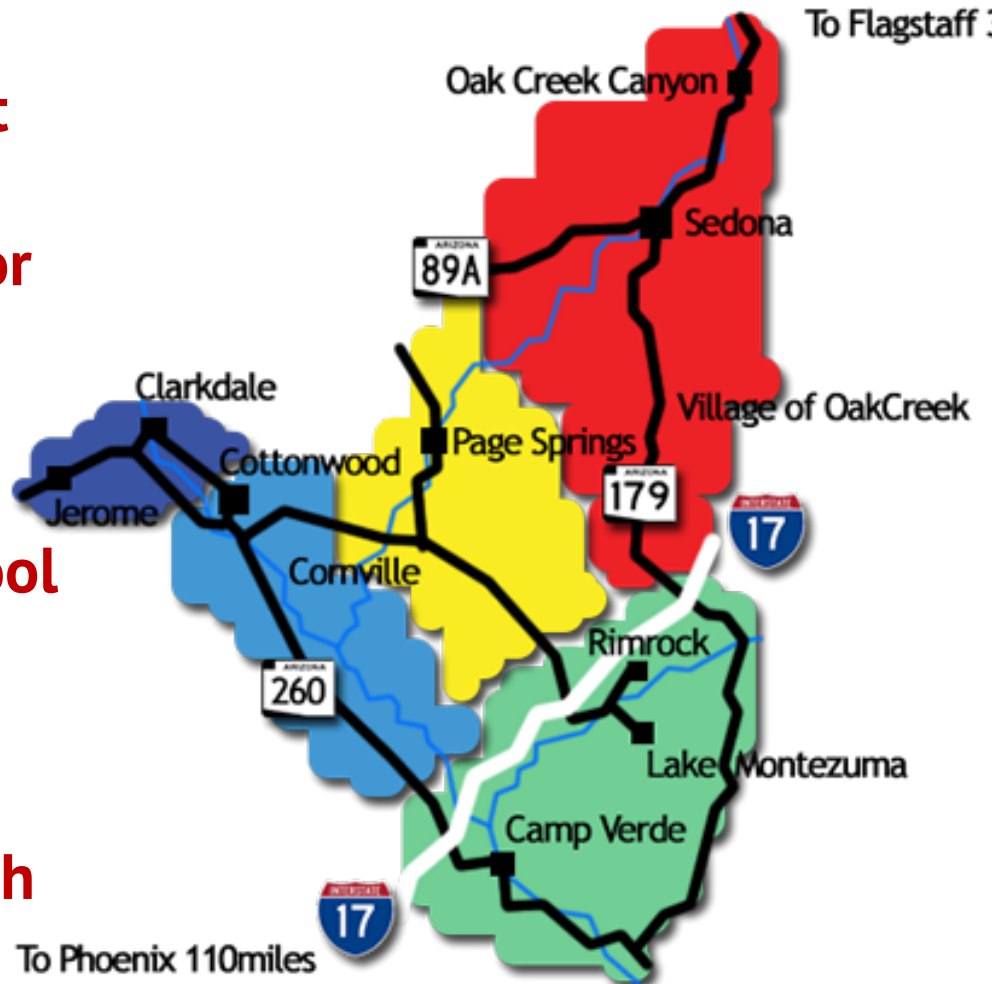
Challenges for Verde Valley Children

Less than half of 3rd graders passed the state reading test

Low literacy skills are a major work force issue

Less than 40% of kids <5yr attend Head Start or preschool *BEFORE COVID*

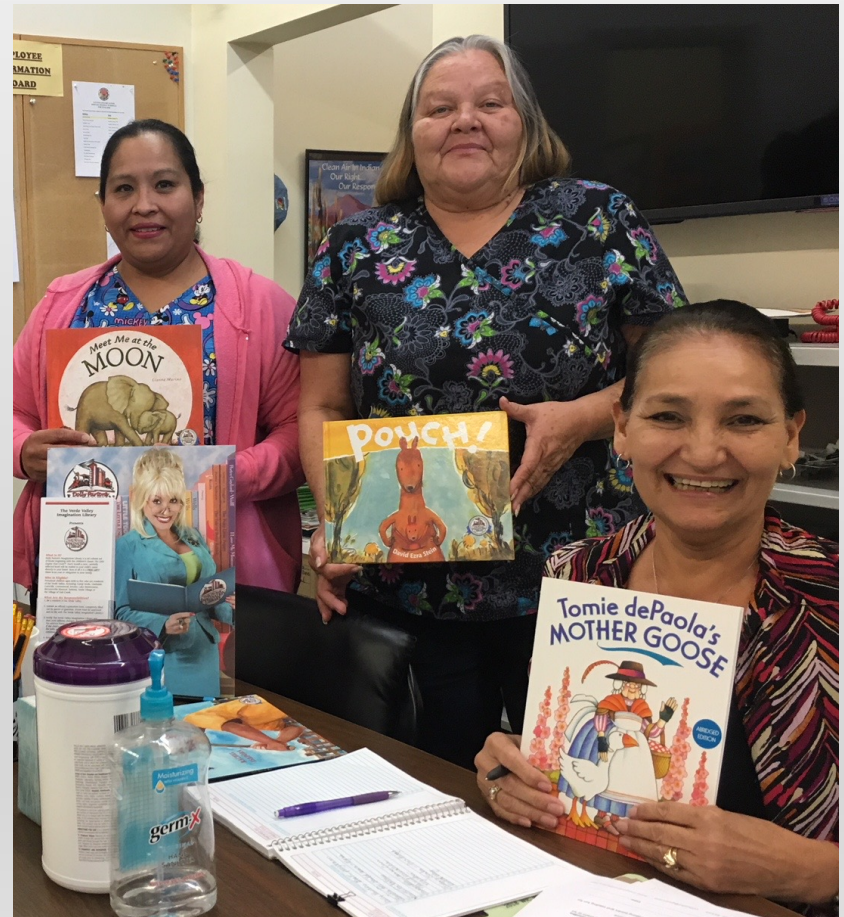
68% of District School kids qualify for free/reduced lunch





Program Partnerships

- Birth Hospitals
- Libraries
- Home Visitation Programs
- Head Start & Preschools
- School Districts
- Primary Care Sites





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ATTN: Janet Sandoval

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KNOXVILLE, TN
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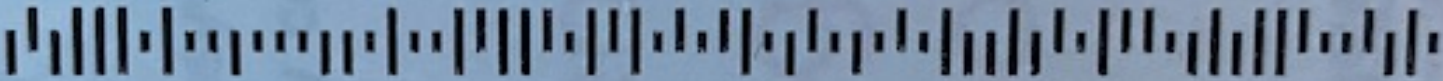
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*Love
Dolly*

MOVING?? CALL

928-925-7530

ID: 5145947
October
Personal
Gift For:



*****ECRLOT**C007

Child's Name
Parent 1 Name
Mailing Address

Warning!

To avoid danger of suffocation,
keep this bag away from babies
and children.

¡Advertencia!

Para evitar el peligro de asfixia,
mantenga esta bolsa fuera del alcance
de bebés y niños.

PLEASE DO NOT BEND BOOKS



Returned Book Management

Parent Outreach - Volunteers deliver to new homes
Donate Extras – Verde Valley Sanctuary, Head Start
Repurpose Used Books – Manzanita Outreach



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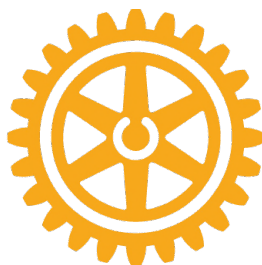


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Arizona Department of Education
AZMerit ELA Scores Percent Passing
Verde Valley 3rd Grade District & Charter

2015	31%
2017	35%
2018	38%
2019	44%

2019 State 46% Yavapai Co. 47%