



Dear Community Champion,

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of Dolly Parton on August 25, 2026. Dolly was a devoted champion for children and literacy, inspired by her own father's inability to read and write — the same inspiration behind the Imagination Library she launched in 1995, now touching millions of children and families, including thousands right here in Nevada County.

In Memory of Dolly Parton • 1946–2026

"If I'm remembered 100 years from now, I hope it will be not for looks but for books."

— Dolly Parton

One year ago, our community came together around the simple but powerful idea Dolly held dear: every child deserves the joy of receiving books of their very own. Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is now changing lives across Nevada County – **we have over 1,100 children enrolled and over 10,000 books have been mailed to local families** – bringing stories, imagination, and opportunities to learn into homes every month.

A love of reading often begins when someone takes the time to read with us — yet for many families, access to high-quality children's books remains a challenge. By mailing free books directly to children's homes each month, the Imagination Library removes that barrier and helps make reading a treasured part of everyday life.

Today, the Imagination Library mails more than three million free, age-appropriate books each month to children worldwide. Thanks to the Nevada City Rotary Club Foundation, First 5 Nevada County, and countless community supporters, Nevada County joined this movement one year ago — and now carries the responsibility of honoring Dolly's legacy by making sure it lives on for generations of local children to come.

One Year of Impact

- **Over 10,000 books** delivered to children across Nevada County
- Free, high-quality books mailed each month to children from birth to age five
- Bilingual books available for Spanish-speaking families
- Personalized books addressed directly to each child, helping build excitement around reading
- A program that is available to every eligible child, regardless of income or background

While we're proud to celebrate this milestone, our work isn't finished — thousands of eligible children have yet to enroll, and every new child means another chance to build literacy and strengthen families across Nevada County.

Help Us Mail the Next 10,000 Books

As we celebrate our first anniversary, here's how your support can help:

- Sustain the program for currently enrolled children
- Enroll more eligible families throughout Nevada County
- Ensure every child has the opportunity to build a home library before kindergarten
- Expand awareness of the program so no eligible family misses out

There are many ways you can help:

- Give an annual or monthly gift to support local children.
- Sponsor books for children and families in our community.
- Introduce us to businesses, foundations, or community leaders who share a passion for early literacy.
- Help spread the word so every eligible family knows this opportunity exists.

Every gift helps place another book into the hands of a child—and another opportunity into their future.

Donate Today — Ways to Give in Dolly's Honor:

- **\$31** sponsors two children with a full year of books
- **\$62** sponsors four children for a year
- **\$124** sponsors eight children for a year of bilingual books

Scan the QR code to give online.



Or mail your contribution to:

Rotary Club of Nevada City Foundation
Attn: Imagination Library
P.O. Box 74, Nevada City, CA 95959

As we celebrate one incredible year of impact, we're deeply grateful for the community that made it possible — thank you for helping ensure every child can experience the joy of opening a new book each month.

Together, we're building stronger readers, stronger families, and a brighter future—one book at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Mason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrea" and last name "Mason" clearly distinguishable.

Andrea Mason
President, Nevada City Rotary Club