



Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Columbia County

This program was started in June 2018 with seven children enrolled and donations of \$500. This qualified the Columbia County Readers Advisory Group for a 50% Match for all books for the next three years from the James and Shirley Rippey Family Foundation. United Way of Columbia County agreed to be the fiscal manager for this program (the registered 501 c 3) and volunteers from Friends of the Libraries of Columbia City, St. Helens, Scappoose and Vernonia, Lions Club, Kiwanis Day Breakers, Kiwanis Noon Club, Rotary, Columbia County Coalition and many others began working to raise funds to sustain this program.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library has been in existence for 20 years and has a proven record of helping children learn to read and be ready to enter school to learn.

With the help of volunteers writing grants and many donations from the community individuals, civic organizations and United Way of Columbia County, approximately \$39,000 was raised thus insuring the program could be sustainable for the first two years. This group must continue to raise funds to sustain this program for the children in our community.

In September it was announced that open enrollment was available to all children from birth to their fifth birthday in Columbia County. Columbia County enrollment covers the zip codes of 97051, 97053, 97054, 97056, 97064, 97018 families who live within these zip code areas can enroll the eligible children online at <https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/ORCOLUMBIA/> or they can visit any public library, fill out a paper form and mail it to:

UNITED WAY OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

P O Box 538
Rainier, OR 97048

967 enrolled as of 5/09/2019

90 aged out

1057 enrolled since June 2018

All forms accepted at this address regardless of zip code. They can be entered into the database and transferred to the appropriate affiliate program in our County.

Total books mailed for 2019 January through June 1= 5090

This program is free to all families residing in Columbia County with children birth to fifth birthday.

The Following two zip codes have different Affiliates (funding organizations)

In the **97016** zip code area parents must fill out a **paper form** and mail it to:

CLATSKANIE HEADSTART

PO BOX 2
CLATSKANIE OR 97016

36 enrolled as of 5/09/2019

13 graduated

49

Paper enrollment only

In the **97048** zip code area parents must fill out a **paper form** and mail it to:

RAINIER CITY LIBRARY

PO Box 100
Rainier, OR 97048

56 enrolled as of 5/09/2019

Paper enrollment only

