



**TODAY, A READER.  
TOMORROW, A LEADER.**

# DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

## Why Dolly Parton's Imagination Library?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is putting books in the arms of children across the globe and right here in our community. Access to books is a vital pillar for early childhood education and literacy. **Did you know, 60% of area third-graders are not meeting state requirements for sufficient reading skills?**

When children learn the love of reading from a young age, they have the opportunity to excel in school and thrive throughout their lives.

## Local Impact

With the support of our community, we have mailed over 345,000 books to over 12,000 children ages 0-5. Having the Imagination Library in our region is directly increasing literacy scores on Kindergarten Readiness Exams to date.

## Help, Learn More & Join

By donating to the United Way of Linn, Benton & Lincoln County or our Imagination Library fund, you are directly supporting early childhood literacy for children in our region. Do you know someone who should hear about the program or would you like for your child to participate? Learn more and sign up on our website at [unitedwaylbl.org](http://unitedwaylbl.org).



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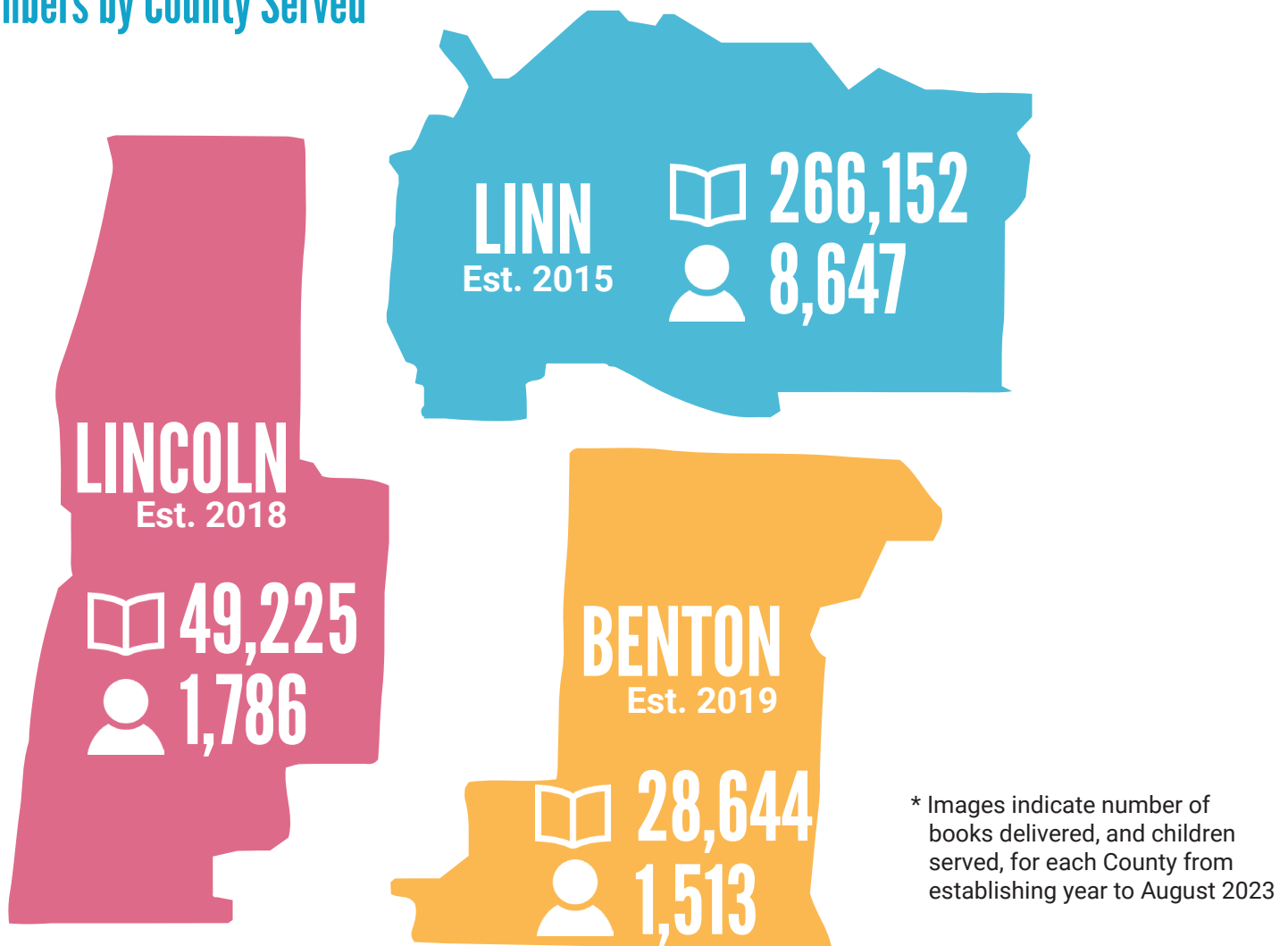
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## Proof of Success

This program works! According to 2018-2019 Greater Albany Public Schools Kindergarten Readiness Scores, participants enrolled in DPIL for 18 months or more improved key reading skills as shown in the chart below.

Length in Program (# of students)	Upper Letter Recognition (% better than non-DPIL)	Lowercase Letter Recognition (% better than non-DPIL)	Letter-Sound Recognition (% better than non-DPIL)
>1.5 Years (137)	15.7%	13.1%	33.3%
>3.0 Years (40)	25.2%	18.7%	63.9%

## Numbers by County Served \*



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