

Our Progress: Year 12 (2024)

Helping Kids Read

THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY began in St. Clair County in 2012. It is funded through St. Clair County RESA, United Way of St. Clair County, and other local donors. It provides one free book a month to any registered child ages 0–5. The program goals are to increase access to books in the home, increase literacy activities in the home, increase positive parent/child interactions, and increase school readiness. In an April 2024 survey of program families, approximately 26% responded.



3,386 

The number of families surveyed who had children enrolled in the program at least 6 months.

OF THOSE RESPONDING:



said the books they received increased their child's interest in reading.



said the books they received increased the amount of time they spent with their child.

PEOPLE WHO READ TO THE CHILD:

91%

Parent

45%

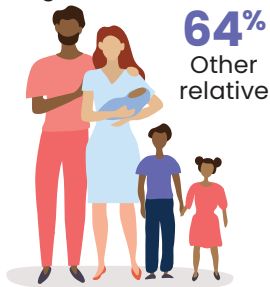
Sitter or childcare provider

38%

Siblings

64%

Other relative



37%

The percentage of families enrolled in the program who are eligible for free and reduced-price lunches.



“ Thanks to the Imagination Library, we read more to our kids than our parents. I see such an enthusiasm towards books that I didn't know children at such a young age could possess. Even our infant loves to hear the rhythmic sounds from reading. Such a game-changer. Thank you.”

—Imagination Library parent

PARENTS WHO READ TO THEIR CHILD DAILY:

27% Before enrolling **83%** After enrolling



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