



**BRAILLE
TALES**

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APH's Braille Tales Celebrates Dolly Parton's Imagination Library's Latest Milestone

Louisville, Ky (August 27, 2024) – American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is proud to be a part of the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library's (DPIL) latest milestone for the state of Kentucky... **readers in every zip code!**

APH and The Dollywood Foundation have collaborated for 12 years to expand the DPIL program, providing young children who are blind or low vision with accessible books that are print with braille overlays, as well as audio formats, through APH's Braille Tales program. This program ensures that all DPIL children and families can share and enjoy the books they receive.

Through APH's Braille Tales program, families can receive six free books per year, until the child's sixth birthday. This also extends to parents who are blind or low vision of a child under six years old. Braille Tales books introduce children to braille from a young age, encouraging them to be lifelong braille readers.

To celebrate, a very special ceremony will be livestreamed through "Team Kentucky's" various social media channels on Tuesday, August 27.

- [Learn more about APH's Braille Tales.](#)
- [Learn more about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.](#)

About American Printing House for the Blind

American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is a worldwide leader in designing innovative lifelong learning solutions for children and adults who are blind or low vision. In this fast-changing world, we believe in the power and necessity of learning to open the doors to educational success, satisfying employment, social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal well-being. We level the learning playing field by providing specialized technology, materials, products, and services that are essential for education and life. American Printing House for the Blind is headquartered at 1839 Frankfort Avenue in Louisville, Kentucky. For more information, please visit www.aph.org.

About KDLA

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, located at 300 Coffee Tree Road in Frankfort, is an agency of the Education and Labor Cabinet. KDLA provides many services in support of libraries, archives, records management, state employees, and the blind and print disabled through the Kentucky Talking Book Library. For more information, please visit kdla.ky.gov.

About Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has become the preeminent early childhood book-gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has gifted over 240 million free books in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and The Republic of Ireland. This is achieved through funding shared by The Dollywood Foundation and Local Community and State Partners. The Imagination Library mails more than 3 million high-quality, age-appropriate books directly to children's homes each month. Each child enrolled in the program receives one book per month from birth to age five - at no cost to families. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading and inspiring children to Dream More, Learn More, Care More and Be More. The program's impact has been widely researched, and results demonstrate its positive impact on early childhood development and literacy skills. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.