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Imagination Library eNews

Information and resources for Imagination Library families



IMAGINATION LIBRARY



United Way of Erie County

As of December 2021, **900,731** books have been delivered to more than **25,770** children in Erie County. 100% of Imagination Library program funds are raised by support to **United Way of Erie County**. Learn More and register an Erie County child under the age of 5 in your life: UnitedWayErie.org/Imagination

**Do you know someone who may want to register a child for United Way's Imagination Library in Erie County?
It's simple! Forward this newsletter or share [this link](#).**

Help Your Child Cope With Holiday Social Stress

In this helpful article from [PBS Parents](#), the author shares tips to help your child have a stress-free holiday when attending events.



Being prepared ahead of time can help quell nervousness and anxiety for many young children.

[Learn More](#)

Imagination Library Book Spotlight

The Snowy Day

By Ezra Jack Keats

In 1962, a little boy named Peter put on his snowsuit and stepped out of his house and into the hearts of millions of readers.

Universal in its appeal, this story beautifully depicts a child's wonder at a new world, and the hope of capturing and keeping that wonder forever.

The quiet fun and sweetness of Peter's small adventures in the deep, deep snow is perfect for reading together on a cozy winter day. [Listen to the read aloud!](#)



Ways to Keep Your Family Active this December!



Tune into [United Way's Raising Readers calendar](#) for **FREE community and online offerings!**

Enjoy your family this holiday season with **FREE** kid-friendly events happening across Erie County all December long!

Keep your kiddos up and moving this season with some of United Way's favorite kid-friendly movement activities!

- [Fine Motor Snow Painting with The Snowy Day](#)
- [Winter Dice Activity](#)
- [Cosmic Kids Yoga](#)
- [GoNoodle](#)



Protect PA Kids By Ending Lead Paint Poisoning!



Lead poisoning can rob children of their intellect causing brain damage and behavioral and learning problems – problems that follow babies into school and through young adulthood - that can lead to doing poorly in school and increased risk for dropping out of school.

Check out [PALeadFree](#)'s full mission to get lead out of PA homes at <https://paleadfree.org/>. Together, we can finally get the lead out of PA homes and stop poisoning children! [#PromiseProject](#)

Quality Early Care and Education Help is Available!

Erie's Future Fund wants more children to be prepared for success in kindergarten and life. The Fund **provides scholarships to children from low-income families** to attend a high-quality early childhood education program within Erie County.



Through the federal Head Start program, Child Development Centers offers a free, full-day preschool program to 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children that includes breakfast, lunch, snack, and transportation at select locations. Families can learn more about the Head Start program by calling 814-480-9505 or beginning their enrollment online at www.cdcenters.org/enroll-now.

If your family resides in Erie County, has an annual income at or below 185% of the poverty level and have a child who will be attending kindergarten in one or two years, your child may be eligible for these scholarships! Learn more about quality early care [here](#).

Erie Family Center's Diaper Depot



Thanks to [support](#) from United Way of Erie County, the Erie Family Center's Diaper Depot is now countywide and expanding! Be sure to check out the Erie Family Center for complete information on upcoming Diaper Depot distribution events. [Learn more](#)



Looking for **holiday meals** and **support** this winter season?

Just dial United Way's [211](#) helpline. A trained operator will connect you with information about financial assistance, counseling, food/clothing/shelter, health services, substance abuse and much more! **It's always free and confidential.**

You can also text your zip code to 898-211 to be helped by 211.

Important Information

- Learning is Everywhere: [In the Car or on the Bus!](#)
- Grab your family clothes, toys, and books at [Erie Free Store](#), open Mondays 4:30 to 7pm!
- Need help finding quality early learning information? Get to know the [Early Learning Resource Center - Region 1](#)
- [Keep on reading for free, check out your local public library!](#)

Join our K Ready Erie community!

United Way has launched a Facebook group dedicated to informing Imagination Library and Raising Readers families about [free](#) resources and events in Erie County that will have your child ready for each school year! [K Ready Erie](#)

Stay Connected!

Great information, resources, reading guides and tips are shared on the Imagination Library for Erie County [Facebook page](#).

Be sure to Like and Follow the page to stay up to date and informed!



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If you are not receiving books, or have a specific question about the Imagination Library please contact **Joanna Peters** via [email](#) or phone **(814) 456-2937 ext. 233**.