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# Imagination Library eNews

*Information and resources for Imagination Library families*



**IMAGINATION  
LIBRARY**



United Way of Erie County

As of May 2022, ☐ **944,868** books have been delivered to more than **26,613** 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](https://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](#).**

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## Kindergarten Registration 2022

**Kindergarten registration** is happening now! School districts across Erie County

## It's time to think about kindergarten registration



are beginning to register incoming kindergarten students. United Way of Erie County publishes a kindergarten registration flyer every year that lists important registration details for each school district. Keep an eye on our Kindergarten Registration [page](#) for 2022 updated registration details or reach out to your school district directly.

## School Vaccination Requirements

This handy [guide](#) will help ensure your student has the right vaccines in time to start kindergarten this fall!

- **Four** doses of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis
- **Four** doses of polio
- **Two** doses of measles, mumps and rebecca
- **Three** doses of hepatitis B
- **Two** doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity



## Imagination Library Book Spotlight

### Hair Love

By Vashti Harrison

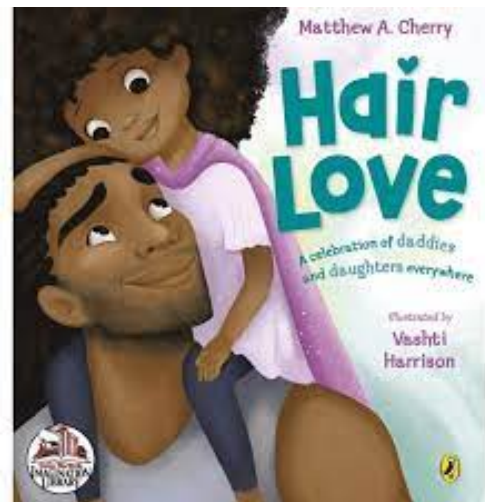
Zuri's hair has a mind of its own. It kinks, coils and curls every which way.

Zuri knows it's beautiful.

When Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn.

But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her--and her hair--happy.

[Watch the read aloud!](#)



## Keep Your Family Going This Month!

### How to Raise a Caring Child

Children certainly learn about kindness from receiving it and from watching other people do it, but that's often not enough. To help our children learn to be kind, we also need to address some of the barriers that get in the way of making kind choices. [Learn more](#)

### Four Ideas to Encourage Family Reading Time

Our friends over at PBS Parents share four ideas to inspire your family to spend more time together



through the act of reading and reading aloud.

[Learn more](#)

### Ideas to Spark Rich Conversations with Your Children!

Our friends at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) share some ideas to spark conversations that excite and encourage your child to share their thoughts and ideas with you. [Learn more](#)

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

Take a moment to plan which events may fit into your family schedule.

## Beat the Summer Slide



This resource from United Way's Raising Readers shares ways to keep your kiddo learning during the summer months! [Learn more](#)

## 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](http://www.cdcenters.org/enroll-now).



If your family resides in Erie County, has an annual income at or below 185 percent 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](#)

### Important Information

- Learning is Everywhere: [In the Doctor's Office](#)
- Grab your family clothes, toys, and





books at [Erie Free Store](#), open Mondays 4:30 to 7 p.m.!

- 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!

This [guide](#) highlights free summer programs for City of Erie residents as well as 45 beautiful parks for everyone to visit this summer.

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!



### Help is one call away.

Please remember to dial United Way's [211](#) helpline when you need help or face times of uncertainty. 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.



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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.