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# Imagination Library eNews

*Information and resources for Imagination Library families*



# IMAGINATION LIBRARY



United Way of Erie County

As of April 2022, ☐ **936,100** books have been delivered to more than **26,387** 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

It's time to think about  
**kindergarten registration**



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

## 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

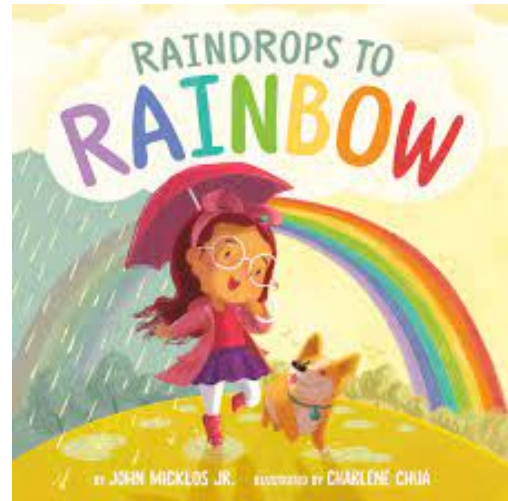
### Raindrops to Rainbow

*By John Micklos Jr.*

Raindrops are falling outside, but there's still a world of color to experience!

Delightful rhymes and brilliant illustrations detail how a gloomy, rainy day might not actually be so gloomy after all when you get to spend time with Mom, Brown Bear and the colors around you.

When a "beaming rainbow, bold and bright" cuts through the sky, everyone gets to experience the joy of all the colors that can only come after the rain. [Watch the read aloud!](#)



## Keep Your Family Going This Month!

### Turn Any Walk Into a Nature Walk

Our friends at NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) share how families can turn any walk into a nature walk. Observing what is around them, young children will begin to see what nature is all about. [Learn more](#)

### Nurturing Your Young Child's Curiosity

Curiosity is a natural part of life and a key component at the heart of learning. Our friends at Zero to Three share ways parents and caregivers can nurture curiosity in young children and help them become successful learners once they enter school. [Learn more](#)

### 7 Ideas to Get Creative on a Family Walk

Now that spring has finally sprung, spending time outdoors is a great opportunity to expand upon



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

what your child is already learning. Family walks are a great way to incorporate a lot of conversations and learning while moving at the same time! Our friends at PBS Parents share seven tips on how to get creative while on a walk.

[Learn more](#)

schedule.

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## Building Social and Emotional Skills at Home



Our friends over at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) share ways young children can learn while playing in puddles! These are fun and simple ways to bring science to life while using what nature leaves behind after a rainfall.

[Learn more](#)

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## 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](#).

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## 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](#)

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### 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!

Looking to Spring forward and find a family-friendly event for you and the family? Make sure to check out the full list of events from the Macaroni KID Erie [page](#).

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

