

*How Partnership Powers the Connection Between  
Home, Classroom & Community to Strengthen Early Literacy*

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What is a significant childhood memory you have around a book or favorite story?

# OUR PURPOSE

**Our Mission:** To strengthen early literacy in Tennessee

**Our Vision:** A Tennessee where all children have access to the resources, guidance and support they need to become lifelong learners

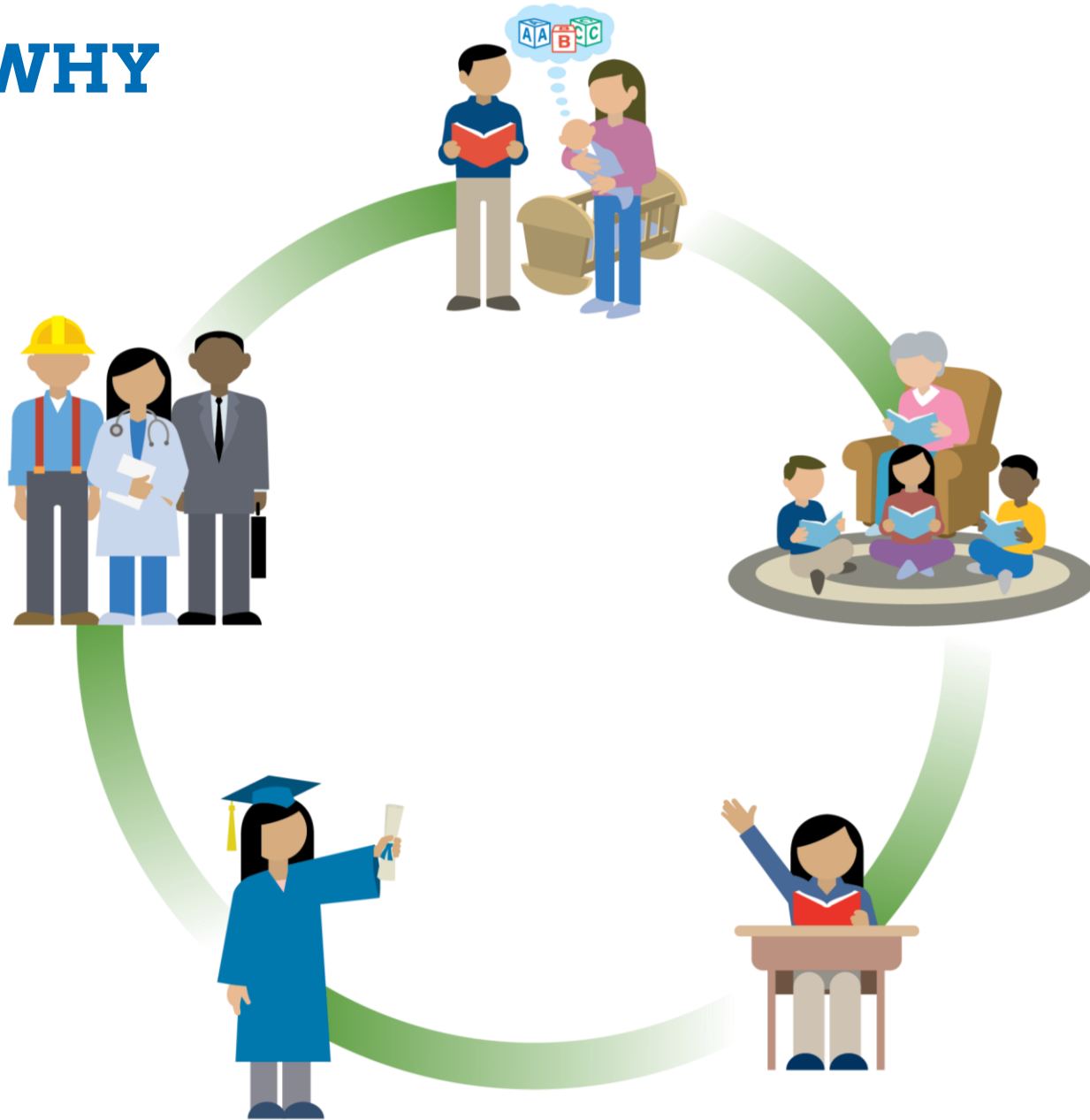
**Our Values:**



It's more than books. It's the future of Tennessee.



# OUR WHY



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# OUR PROGRAMS



GOVERNOR'S  
**EARLY LITERACY**  
FOUNDATION



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*Delivering books each month to children from birth to age five, through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, to foster a love of reading at an early age*



**52M Books Mailed  
All 95 Counties**

**Powered By**  
 700+ Volunteers  
 95 Local Nonprofits  
 City/County Gov'ts  
 State of Tennessee  
 Corporate Partners  
 Dollywood Foundation

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# GELF & Dollywood Foundation: Enroll a Tennessee child, age Birth-5, in Imagination Library





*Equipping caregivers to be deeply engaged as a child's first teacher*

**212K**  
**Caregivers**

**Powered By**  
100+ School Districts  
Corporate Partners  
TN Dept. of Education  
Ready4K

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# GELF, TDOE & Parent Powered:

Three Texts a Week to Build Curriculum- Based Knowledge and Tips

Enroll via a PK-5 student's participating Tennessee School District!



**FACT:** Letters are the building blocks of written language. Children need to know the letters to learn how to read & write.

**TIP:** Point out the first letter in your child's name in magazines, at the store & on signs. Have your child try. Make it a game. Who can find the most?

**GROWTH:** Keep pointing out letters. You're preparing your child 4K! Now when you point out a letter, ask: What sound does it make?





*Collaborating to create outdoor reading experiences  
where families interact through literacy  
and physical activity*

**59 Trails**

**Powered By**

42 Local Partners  
State Parks  
Local Parks  
Volunteers  
Corporate Partners  
Publishers

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*Establishing mobile libraries to provide children and communities with access to high-quality literacy resources*



**53 Buses**  
**20K Students**

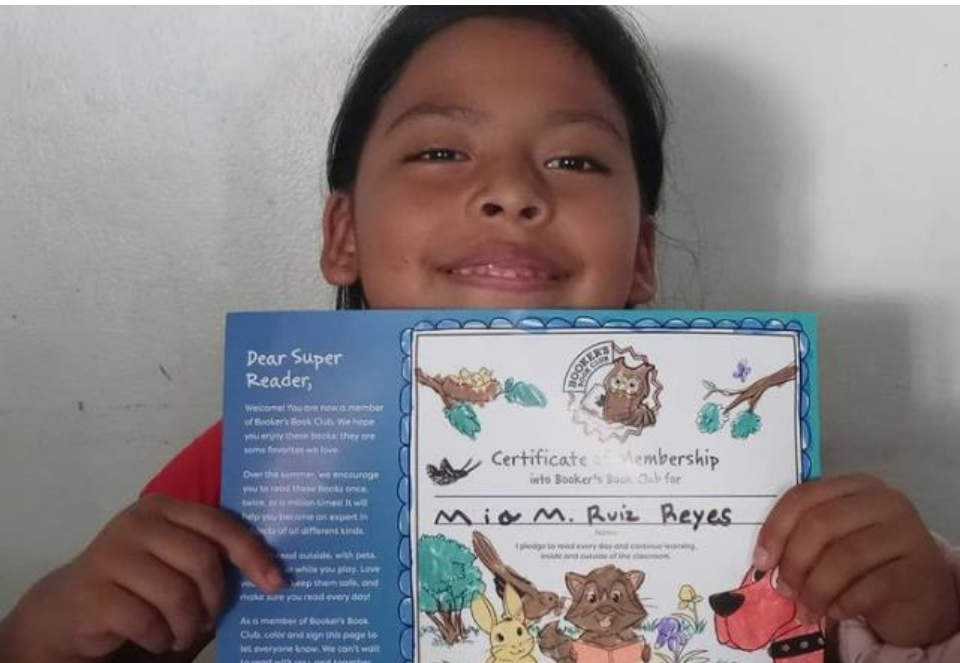
**Powered By**  
35+ School Districts  
Local Nonprofits  
Corporate Partners  
Volunteers

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*Delivering quality books and literacy resources to combat learning loss and support student learning in the home*

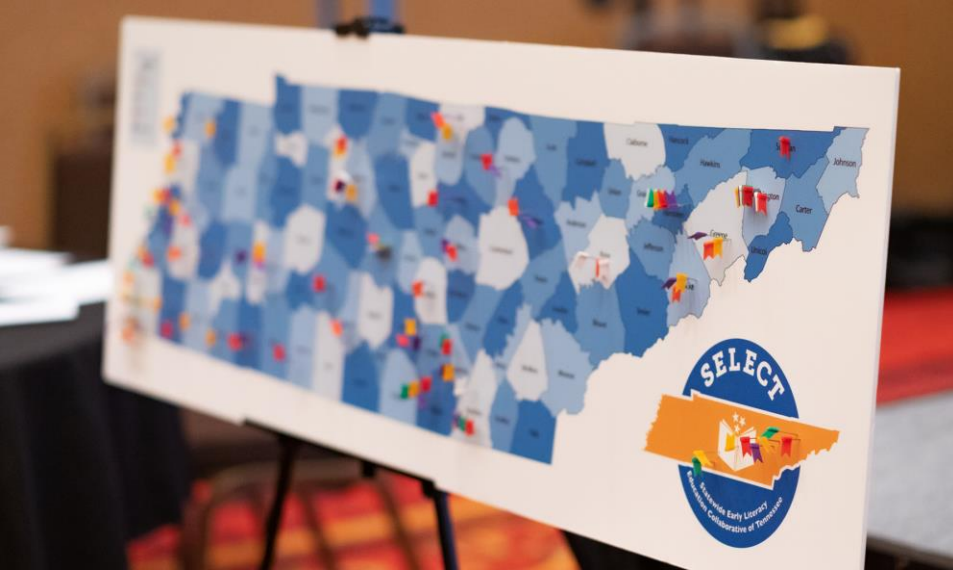


**3.2M Books Mailed  
493K Students**

**Powered By**  
147 School Districts  
Charter Schools  
Educators  
Corporate Partners  
State of Tennessee  
Scholastic

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*Working together to breakdown silos, build connections, and increase visibility of early literacy efforts across Tennessee*

**119 Organizations**  
**200+ Participants**  
**85% of TN Counties**

**Powered By**  
 Local Nonprofits  
 State Agencies  
 Volunteers  
 Corporate Partners  
 42 Local Partners

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*Celebrating Tennessee's youngest learners on their literacy journey from cradle to career*

**Launched in Fall 2022**  
**143 applications**  
**10 "Little Literacy Leaders"**

Post-secondary education scholarships for 10 3<sup>rd</sup> graders across the state, based on their ability to overcome obstacles to their reading journey

## Four Key Values

**T**enaciously driven  
**E**ager to read  
**N**oticeably growing  
**N**onstop learner

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Free At-Home Reading Resources  
for K-2 TN Families



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