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**NORTH STAR IMAGINATION LIBRARY AND TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE
PARTNER TO BRING BOOKS TO INTERIOR COMMUNITIES**

Hundreds of children from TCC communities are now eligible to receive a free book each month in the mail, from birth until their fifth birthday.

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA: The North Star Imagination Library and Tanana Chiefs Conference have partnered to expand Dolly Parton’s book gifting program to all TCC communities previously unserved by an Imagination Library affiliate.

“We are thrilled to be able to include the TCC communities in our Imagination Library and ensure that hundreds more children have access to these high-quality books and the thrill of receiving a monthly gift to call their own,” Emily Vockeroth, North Star Imagination Library Board President.

Effective immediately, children may register to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail until their fifth birthday. These books are selected by a committee of education experts to inspire a lifelong love of reading. Access to books in the home is a predictor for success in school and helps foster a loving bond between children and caregivers.

“Books open up new worlds,” said PJ Simon, Chief/Chairman of TCC. “Reading is the key to a better life and brighter future. Tanana Chiefs Conference is grateful that hundreds more children in our communities will receive books from the North Star Imagination Library.”

Registration for children under five can be completed at www.northstarimaginationlibrary.org or by contacting a TCC Head Start. For more information, email books@northstarimaginationlibrary.org or call 907-374-7030.

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 has gifted well over 150 million free books in Australia, Canada, The Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom and the United States. The Imagination Library mails more than 1.8 million high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to registered children from birth to age five. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading, inspiring them to dream. The impact of the program has been widely researched and results suggest positive increases in key early childhood literacy metrics. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. For more information, please visit imaginationlibrary.com.

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