

THE ROAD TO 2 MILLION BOOKS

2006

Best Beginnings is founded to implement recommendations of the Ready to Read, Ready to Learn Task Force chaired by then-First Lady Nancy Murkowski.

2009

Best Beginnings begins statewide support of **Imagination Library in Alaska**. Imagination Libraries in Hoonah, Nome, Fairbanks, and Anchorage are providing books to just 3,673 children as of April.

2011

Alaska's enrollment tops 13,000 children in June. Dolly Parton sends a special congratulatory video.

2013

Imagination Library reaches 100 communities in Alaska in January.

2014

The **1 millionth Imagination Library** book is delivered in November to Alaska.

2015

Enrollment reaches a high of 23,378 - 43% of all Alaska children under 5.

In response to the loss of over \$600,000 from the State, the inaugural First Ladies' Tea takes place in September, raising over \$30,000 to keep the books coming to children enrolled in Imagination Library in Alaska.

From 2014 to 2018 four new Imagination Libraries in Alaska are added, including Sitka and Whittier, bringing the total number of communities served up to 112 through 28 Imagination Libraries.

2018

Imagination Library parents provide positive feedback on new Parent Newsletter sent via email, with Anchorage-wide rollout in September. Statewide launch is scheduled for January 2019.

The **2 millionth Imagination Library book** is presented in September to one lucky child in Alaska.

Today Imagination Library in Alaska serves 18,295 children from birth to age 5. Since its beginning, Imagination Library books have been sent directly to the homes of over 74,000 Alaska children.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AS WE STRIVE FOR 3 MILLION.

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