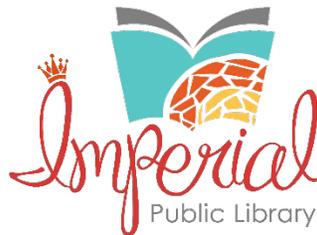


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**STAFF REPORT**  
**Agenda Item No. B-1**

**To:** Imperial City Library Board of Trustees

**From:** Library Administrator, Ember Haller

**Date:** September 9, 2025

**Subject:** Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Imperial Valley

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**Summary/Background:**

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) is an internationally recognized early literacy program that mails a free, high-quality book each month to children from birth to age five, regardless of family income. The program fosters school readiness, supports family engagement, and helps instill a lifelong love of reading.

In Imperial Valley, local partners are exploring opportunities to launch DPIL to reach families across the county. The initiative will require a local affiliate to oversee enrollment and fundraising, with book costs shared between the State of California and community sponsors. This program has the potential to significantly impact literacy and kindergarten readiness in our region by ensuring every child enters school with a strong foundation.

President Hernandez, Trustee Sotomavor, and the Library Administrator attended the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Meet and Greet on Thursday, September 4, 2025 to learn more about the needs for a successful launch and program.

Trustee Sotomavor will share information about the initiative and open the topic for discussion.