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ANNUAL REPORT

- In 2018, we introduced **66 new titles** in the USA, UK & Canada.
- 113,767,971 Total Books Gifted since the program's inception in 1995.

UNITED STATES 14,417,079 Books 16% Growth

CANADA 254,117 Books 9% Growth UNITED KINGDOM 483,997 Books 18% Growth

> AUSTRALIA 53,142 Books



Total Books Gifted in 2018
A 16% increase over 2017
(Equates to 1 book mailed every 2 seconds)





JANUARY: Imagination Library endorsed by the **Assembly of First Nations in Canada** - helping ensure First Nations children have access to early childhood literature through the program when adopted locally.

FEBRUARY: The Library of Congress (LOC) in Washington, DC, honored our 100th Million Book Milestone. Dolly Parton visited the LOC and dedicated her "Coat of Many Colors" book to the collection and pledged



one complete set of Imagination Library books each year for all children to enjoy when visiting the LOC.



MARCH - JULY: Monthly story times at the **Library of Congress** highlighting our Blue Ribbon Selections.

MAY: Independent assessment of Dollywood Foundation completed resulting in full **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** compliance.

JUNE: Celebrating 10 Years In The UK - Affiliate Conference held in Doncaster, UK, with featured authors **Will Mabbitt** and **Sophy Henn**. Local MP **Ed Miliband** was also a guest speaker.





AUGUST: We welcomed, **Karen Sebold** to the Dollywood Foundation leadership team as Director, Marketing & Development.



SEPTEMBER: Statewide coverage became official in North Carolina marking the second statewide program in the United States.



OCTOBER: We welcomed **Marion Gillooly** to our leadership team as Executive Director of the United Kingdom.



CANADA

- 1,292,253 Books Gifted Since Inception
- 29 Canadian content/authors/ illustrators added for the 2018 program year
- 13 New or Reintroduced titles to the 2018 program such as: "Carson Crosses Canada", "The Darkest Dark" and "When the Moon Comes"



UNITED KINGDOM

- 2,850,841 Books Gifted Since Inception
- 37 New or Reintroduced titles to the 2018 program such as: "I Can Only Draw Worms", "Edie" and "How to Feed Your Cheeky Monkey"



- 109,372,351 Books Gifted Since Inception
- 10 bilingual
- English/Spanish titles
- to the 2018 program such as:
 "The Very Hungry Caterpillar",
 "Little Excavator", "Lily's
 Cat Mask" and "Goodnight,
 Numbers"



AUSTRALIA

- 227,049 Books Gifted Since Inception
- Announcement of city-wide program in Tamworth, New South Wales!