

MEDIA ALERT

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United Way
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News Conference: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Expands to Oregon

WHO: Craig Albers, President, St. Charles Hospital, Mercy Health
Hal Gregory, Superintendent, Oregon City Schools
Mike Gudgeon, Refinery Manager, Toledo Refining Company
Wendy Pestrue, J.D., President & CEO, United Way
Michael J. Seferian, Mayor of Oregon
Debbie Williams, Chair, *Women's Initiative* of United Way

WHAT: *Women's Initiative* of United Way and corporate sponsors, Toledo Refining Company and Mercy Health, are happy to announce the expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) to Oregon City Schools at an upcoming news conference.

DPIL is a free, monthly home-book delivery program for children ages zero to five years old. The goal is to increase reading comprehension rates and prepare more children for kindergarten. Over 160,000 books have been delivered to children in Toledo since the DPIL launch in 2015.

To formally kickoff the expansion, community organizations will be gathering at the Oregon Branch Library for a morning / afternoon "playdate." Here, parents and children can enjoy snacks, refreshments, story time, crafts, a visit from Pete the Cat and a bounce house. Mercy Health and Toledo Refining Company are also sponsors of the "playdate."

WHEN: **Thursday, September 5, 2019**
10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Oregon Branch Library (children's book section)
3340 Dustin Rd.
Oregon, OH 43616

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