



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jim Zola 336.883.3668  
jim.zola@highpointnc.gov

## LIBRARY HOSTS DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY SIGN-UP WITH KAREN K. AND THE JITTERBUGS

**HIGH POINT, N.C. (July 14, 2021)** – The High Point Public Library will host a sign-up event for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library on Saturday, July 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its North Main Street location with Karen K. and the Jitterbugs performing songs by Dolly and more in the Arts & Education Plaza from 11 a.m. to noon. This event is free and open to the public.

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library has become the premier early childhood book gifting program in the world by mailing well over 90 million free books in Australia, Canada, United Kingdom and the United States. Currently, the program mails over one million specially selected, age-appropriate books monthly to registered children from birth to age five. Dolly’s vision was to create a lifelong love of reading, prepare children for school and inspire them to dream. Recent studies suggest participation in the Imagination Library program is positively and significantly associated with higher measures of early language and math development.

“We are excited to further our rich collaboration with the High Point Public Library in partnership with Parents as Teachers Guilford County for this event,” said LouMecia Staton, community outreach manager, for Guilford County Partnership for Children. “Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library has brought so much joy to children and families across our county, and we are grateful to have the continuous opportunity to register our children from birth to age five for this wonderful program that allows families to have a personal library at home.”

*Best known for her genre-swirling songs and captivating performances for humans of all ages, Karen and her bugs have been called a top kids act by the Boston Globe and New York Times, and “what Taylor Swift would sound like if she had a second grader who wanted to hang with Mom” by HuffPost Parents. Karen and her Jitterbugs have been celebrated for all four of their award-winning albums featuring her original songs, including as winners of a coveted Parents Choice Award and as “Best Kids Video” for their YouTube hit “(I Woke Up in a) Fire Truck.” Karen’s music has been played on radio stations across the country, including Sirius Radio XM’s Kids Place Live and WXPN Kid’s Corner, and featured in The New York Times, The Boston Globe, New York Magazine, The New York Post, Huffington Post Parents, Good Housekeeping, Broadway.com and Red Tricycle to name a few. Karen has also been featured on PBS and CBS-NY.*

*The City of High Point aims to serve as the catalyst for bringing together the community’s human, economic and civic resources for the purpose of creating the single most livable, safe and prosperous community in America.*

*For more information on the City, visit [www.highpointnc.gov](http://www.highpointnc.gov).*

###

336.883.3674

[www.highpointpubliclibrary.com](http://www.highpointpubliclibrary.com)

---

P.O. Box 2530, 901 N. Main Street, High Point, NC 27261 USA  
Fax: 336.883.3636

