





Early History of Westminster 7:10 Rotary and Imagination Library

**2012 - Boulder
Rotary Club visited
our club and spoke
about Imagination
Library**

- **Legacy Foundation - \$3000.00**
- **Westminster 7:10 Rotary Foundation - \$3000.00**
- **These funds gave us the opportunity to sign up 250 kids with the hope that we could continue support each year.**
- **We visited 5 Elementary Schools and had them signed up in about a month.**

History of Imagination Library with Westminster 7:10 Rotary Club

2012	525 books
2013	1,447 books
2014	2,399 books
2015	1,887 books
2016	3,442 Books
2017	5,180 Books
2018	8,308 Books
2019	14,418 books
2020	23,300 books
2021	48,000+ books anticipated

Partners

Child Find Adams 12

ECPAC - Early Childhood partnership Adams County

Foster Care Adams County

CASA Adams and Broomfield County

Commerce City Pre School

Westminster Library

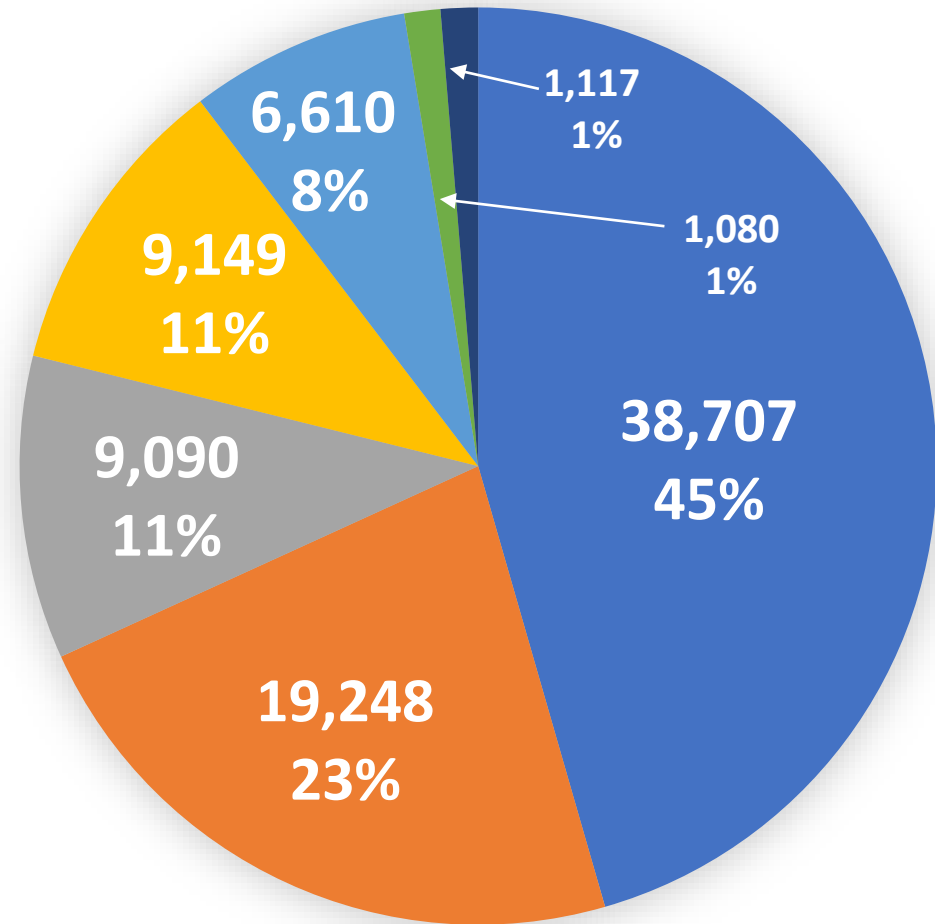
Growing Home Westminster 50

Homeless Westminster 50

Hope House

Adams County Social Services

Percent of PK-12 Students in Adams County by School District

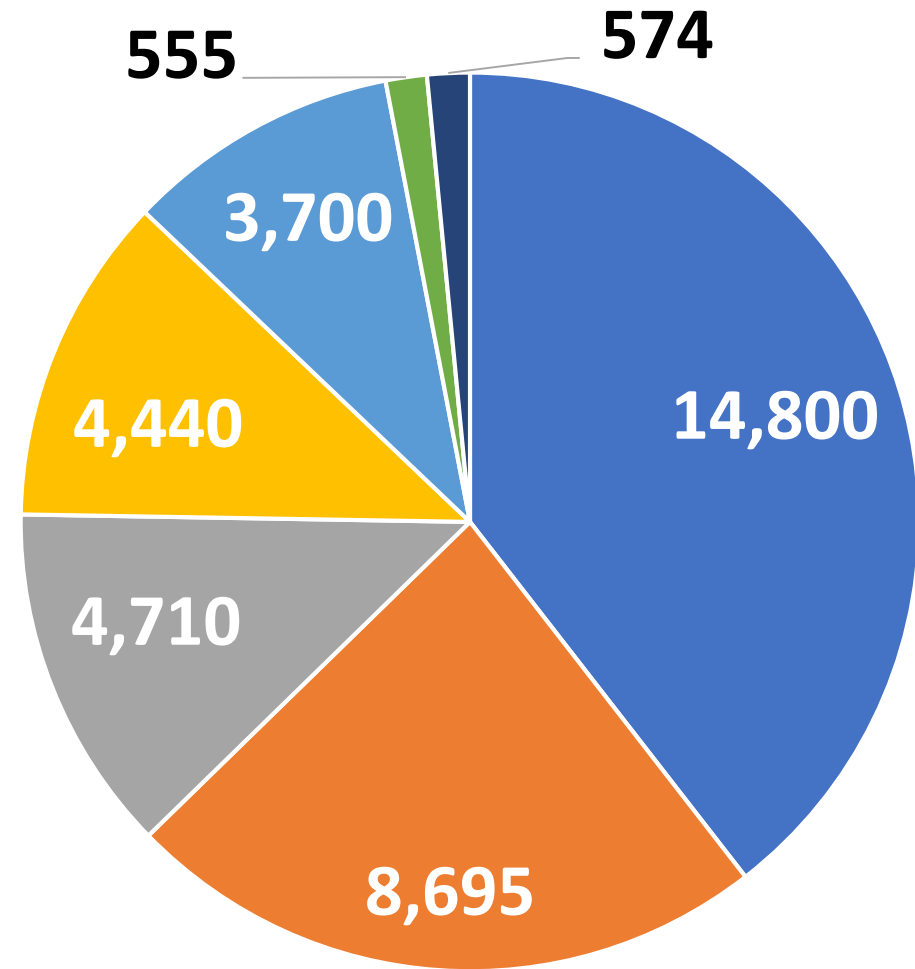


- Adams 12
- Westminster Public Schools
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- Bennett 29J
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- Strasburg

**Student Membership Colorado Department of Education for 2019*

Children 0-5 Years Old

**There are 37,000
Children Aged 0-5
in
Adams County**



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61% Have No Books

Sixty-one percent of low-income families have no books at all in their homes for their children.

While low-income children have, on average, four children's books in their homes, a team of researchers concluded that nearly two-thirds of the low-income families they studied owned no books for their children. (US Dept. of Education, 1996).



Children in low-income families lack essential one-on-one reading time.

The average child growing up in a middle-class family has been exposed to 1,000 to 1,700 hours of one-on-one picture book reading. The average child growing up in a less economically stable family, in contrast, has only been exposed to 25 hours of one-on-one reading. (McQuillan, 1998).



The most successful way to improve the reading achievement of low-income children is to increase their access to print.

Communities ranking high in achievement tests have several factors in common: an abundance of books in public libraries, easy access to books in the community at large, and a large number of textbooks per student (Newman et al., 2000).



The only behavior measure that correlates significantly with reading scores is the number of books in the home.

An analysis of a national data set of nearly 100,000 United States school children found that access to printed materials—and not poverty—is the “critical variable affecting reading acquisition” (McQuillan, 1998).

SB 20-185

Imagination Library

Matching Funds Bill

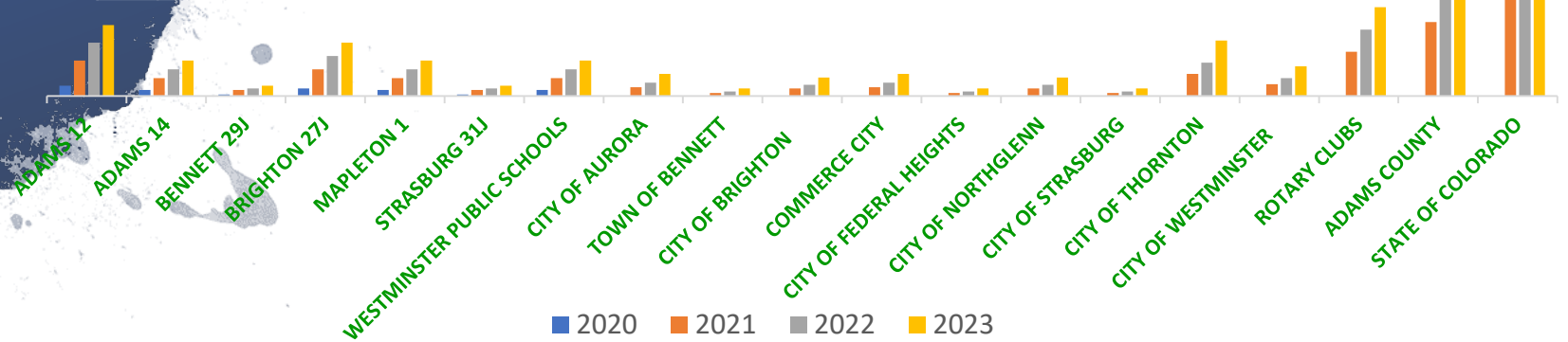
- **Senators Jeff Bridges and Jack Tate introduced the Bill - 2/26/2020**
- **Roger Gudenkauf and Gary Cooper from the Westminster 7:10 Rotary Club spoke regarding the success of Imagination Library to The Senate Education Committee - 3/4/2020**
- **Governor Polis signed the Bill 7/10/2020**



Proposed Funding

***Funding for 2021, 2022, & 2023. Fiscal year for School Districts and Rotary Clubs is July through June. For Municipalities, etc. fiscal year is January through December.**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	ADAMS 12	\$7,000	\$24,000	\$36,000	\$48,000
	ADAMS 14	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$24,000
	BENNETT 29J	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$7,000
	BRIGHTON 27J	\$5,000	\$18,000	\$27,000	\$36,000
	MAPLETON 1	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$24,000
	STRASBURG 31J	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$7,000
	WESTMINSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$24,000
MUNICIPALITIES	CITY OF AURORA		\$6,000	\$9,000	\$15,000
	TOWN OF BENNETT		\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000
	CITY OF BRIGHTON		\$5,000	\$7,500	\$12,500
	COMMERCE CITY		\$6,000	\$9,000	\$15,000
	CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS		\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000
	CITY OF NORTHGLENN		\$5,000	\$7,500	\$12,500
	CITY OF STRASBURG		\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000
	CITY OF THORNTON		\$15,000	\$22,500	\$37,500
	CITY OF WESTMINSTER		\$8,000	\$12,000	\$20,000
OTHER	ROTARY CLUBS		\$30,000	\$45,000	\$60,000
	ADAMS COUNTY		\$50,000	\$75,000	\$125,000
	STATE OF COLORADO		\$250,000	\$375,000	\$500,000
TOTALS		\$453,500	\$698,500	\$982,500	



Procedure

Each potential contributor receives a presentation and request for funding for 2020 and subsequent years.

Upon agreement, an invoice will be sent.

Funding is forwarded to Imagination Library.

For cities, we suggest an interested librarian to input data for their program.

For school districts, a person or team will input all data for preschool children.

Procedure

Information regarding the maximum available number of books, based upon current funding, will be communicated monthly to all clerks.

Each organization will be able to enter data for their kids until we reach the specified limit.

For example: If we have \$100,000.00 funded for Imagination Library in Adams County for the year, 4000 books could be sent per month, allowing each institution to enter data until 4000 total books is reached. If another \$25,000.00 in funding is received in that year, that information would be communicated to all clerks and they could then enter data until 5000 books per month is attained.

Clearly, the total number of books available each month is totally dependent upon funding.

Plan of Action

- 1. Westminster 7:10 Rotary will provide instruction to each and every organization for name and data input.**
- 2. Each school district will have someone, or a team designated to enter the information of the preschool children in their district.**
- 3. Westminster 7:10 Rotary will help to manage address changes, etc.**
- 4. Westminster 7:10 Rotary can send mailer to all children under 4 years old in Adams county to encourage enrollment, if and when necessary.**
- 5. Once funding reaches targeted levels, Westminster 7:10 Rotary will then coordinate with hospitals and provide instruction for input of newborns' names and data.**



**BE A PART OF THIS
AMAZING PROGRAM AND
PROVIDE A HEADSTART TO
KIDS IN ADAMS COUNTY**