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Rep. Slaughter Attends Event with Area Pre-School Students at *Dolly's Imagination Library*

Niagara Falls, NY - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Chairwoman of the House Rules Committee, today helped to launch a new, youth literacy program in Niagara Falls.

Dolly's Imagination Library

, a nationwide program that works to put age-appropriate books in the hands of children under the age of five, is being sponsored locally by the Niagara Falls Housing Authority and the Niagara Falls School District.

"Exposure to books and learning to read at a young age are critical to the future success of our children, " said Rep. Slaughter. "Programs like Dolly's Imagination Library lay a foundation of creativity and thinking skills in our children's minds upon which their formal education will be built. I would like to commend the Niagara Falls Housing Authority and the Niagara Falls School District for bringing this valuable program to the children of our community.

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After delivering a few brief remarks, Slaughter joined a group of local pre-school children in reading the book "Snowmen at Night."

Created in 1996 in Tennessee by Dolly Parton, *Dolly's Imagination Library* has now spread to over 600 communities and 41 states.

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