



# St. Charles City-County

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Imagine Gala to Highlight Why Literacy is Everything

*Library Foundation Signature Event is May 9th*

**(St. Peters, MO - March 27, 2015)** The [St. Charles City-County Library Foundation](#) invites you to follow the yellow brick road to the [Imagine Gala](#) on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Dianne and George Garrison are honorary co-chairs for the signature fundraiser to celebrate the organization's early literacy and outreach programs serving well over 55,000 children annually.

"Literacy is everything, impacting every aspect of life. We are making a difference but want to do more to strengthen our community. Ultimately our dream is to eliminate the need to advocate for literacy," states Kris Weidenbenner, Library Foundation Board President.

The Imagine Gala will feature themes from the Wizard of Oz to highlight the value of literacy and the significance of libraries to a community. St. Louis favorite restaurateur Kim Tucci is emcee and auctioneer for the evening which includes:

- Open bar cocktail festivities
- Silent Auction and raffles
- Passed hors d'oeuvres
- Dinner
- Live Auction & Access to Literacy
- Emerald City After Party
- Entertainment
- Complimentary valet parking

A portion of each ticket purchase is tax deductible and benefits the Library Foundation's literacy initiatives. Individual tickets are \$125 and seating for a table of 10 is \$1,250. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.stchlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.stchlibraryfoundation.org).

Proceeds from the Imagine Gala will allow the Library Foundation to serve more fragile families, at-risk youth and homebound residents through its [Ready to Read](#), [Books to You](#) and [Take 20 and Read](#) programs and ultimately make a lasting impact in St. Charles County.

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"Children who struggle with reading by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are less likely to graduate. We're working to help build the critical foundation of early literacy skills so children can succeed both in the classroom and throughout life," says Karen Englert, interim Executive Director of the Library Foundation.

Community partners for the 2015 Imagine Gala include: **OVER THE RAINBOW Sponsor** Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital and Progress West Hospital; **RUBY SLIPPERS Sponsors** Streetscape Magazine and Ameristar Casino; and **YELLOW BRICK ROAD Sponsors:** Acropolis, Bax Engineering, CBIZ, Dianne and George Garrison, St. Charles County EDC, Meyer Realty, New Frontier Bank, Partners for Progress, Rx Systems, St. Charles Community College, St. Charles Sunrise Rotary and Thomson Printing.

Additional sponsorships are available. Visit [www.stchlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.stchlibraryfoundation.org) or call Karen at 636-441-2300, ext 1517 to learn more about the Imagine Gala, to purchase tickets and for sponsorship details.

Through the library, anything is possible. Imagine the possibilities. Imagine the impact. Imagine what we can do together.

***The mission of the St. Charles City-County Library Foundation*** is to ensure excellent library programs, services and facilities for all people by developing and encouraging community investment and participation, today and tomorrow.

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