

Reading for pleasure:

Investigating the impact of the 'Imagination Library' in the Bendigo region

(ASSC HREC E17-103)

Survey Questions:

To be conducted during 'follow up' participant contact

To be asked after 'implied consent' is collected

Survey guidelines and purpose

These additional survey questions are asked as part of a La Trobe University research project investigating the impact of Imagination Library participation on parents/carers, home reading and literacy practices, and 'reading for pleasure'.

These questions are not considered to be sensitive in nature or to have negative impacts on respondents' self-esteem. Should any participant express a desire to stop their participation in these additional survey questions, they are to be offered that their survey end without provided responses saved or included should they prefer this.

These additional survey questions are to be asked only after the following have both taken place:

1. The Imagination Library-set follow up questions are asked
2. Implied consent is collected from the participant

Interviewer 'script' prior to asking survey questions

The questions required by the Imagination Library are now complete, and now I have five additional questions that a group of researchers at La Trobe University would like you to answer if you are willing to do so. The questions are similar to those you have just answered.

The following five questions are from a team of researchers with La Trobe University who have approval from their **Human Research Ethics Committee (Arts, Social Sciences & Commerce College Human Ethics Sub-Committee) E17-103** to research the impact of the Imagination Library. You can find a copy of the Information Sheet about this project and these five additional survey questions on the Bendigo-area United Way website for your reference (go to the 'For Parents' page at the 'Bendigo Reads' website, direct URL <http://bendigoreads.com.au/imagination-library-bendigo/for-parents/>). If you want to talk to family or friends about further participation please say so now and we can simply call you back.

Survey Questions

The researchers are interested in the impact of Imagination Library participation on parents and carers such as yourself, on home reading and literacy practices, and on 'reading for pleasure'. The work is simply designed to inform the sponsors and the wider community of the value of being involved in the Imagination Library program. Overall results of the work will be published in the local media and in research articles, and if you are interested in reading the study's results, this will be provided to you upon request. All results will be spoken of in general terms, so your name or any other identifying information will NOT be used.

The researchers don't need written approval, or 'consent', for your participation in their survey, they just need you to tell me now if you are willing to answer these questions, or if you don't want to answer them. If you agree to answer the questions but then partway through change your mind, that's ok – just let me know and we can stop. These questions don't have any impact at all on your child's or children's access to the Imagination Library so please don't be concerned that you are expected or required to answer any or all of these additional questions.

I have two questions before we can begin with these additional questions:

Firstly, are you aged 18 years or over? (Yes / No)

If No, thank the respondent for their time, and explain we can only survey adults, so they can't continue further.

If Yes, continue.

Secondly, do you agree to participate by answering these questions? This is called giving your consent. (Yes / No)

If No, thank the respondent for their time, and no more question for this respondent.

If Yes, continue.

Please be aware that if you change your mind about participating during these five questions, let me know, and the questions and this survey will end immediately. Otherwise, your consent is assumed by your willingness to further participate.

Proceed to survey questions below.

Survey Questions

Survey

1. Has your child/ren been involved in the:

Books for Babies program?

No – Yes

Little Book Boxes program?

No – Yes

Let's Read program?

No – Yes

2. If you think about reading aloud with your child/ren please select the best fit statement:

I do it because:

It is educational – Children should be read to – My child/ren expect it

I avoid it because:

I get tangled in the words – I never liked reading aloud – Other people might hear me

It does not happen because:

I just don't have the time – My child doesn't like being read to – I don't like to read aloud

I enjoy it because:

It is fun and engaging – I get a chance to make believe – We can share an adventure

3. Has involvement with the Imagination Library impacted on how often you read?

Yes, a lot – Yes, somewhat – Not really – No

4. How true is the following statement?

'In general, if you can read you can get a better job.'

Very true – True – Somewhat true – Reading and job quality are not connected

5. In your view is reading with your child/ren:

A reward?

Always – Almost always – Often – Sometimes – Never – Not Applicable

Educational?

Always – Almost always – Often – Sometimes – Never – Not Applicable

Entertainment?

Always – Almost always – Often – Sometimes – Never – Not Applicable