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United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

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Evaluating the impact of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Wayne and Holmes Counties

OVERVIEW

We explored the impact of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) in Wayne and Holmes Counties. We conducted both a literature review and two focus groups to develop a survey that we distributed to DPIL families. We presented our findings to UWWH, and we wrote a research report and executive summary. We also developed a tool kit to enable other UW organizations to replicate this work and collect local data.



CLIENT

We worked for United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties with their CEO, Katie Kogelman. UWWH is the local community partner for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Through this program they provide a book a month to children from birth to age five.

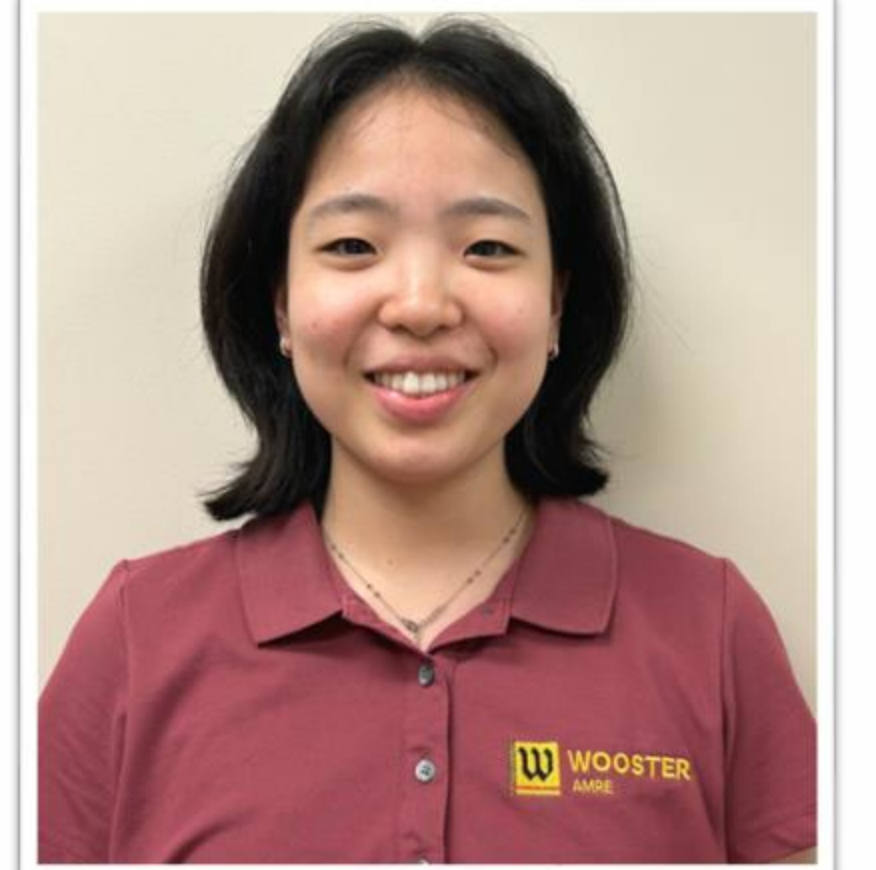


EXPERIENCE

Faiyaz: "Through AMRE I have developed better communication and teamwork skills."



Kyoka: "During AMRE I was able to enhance survey development skills which would benefit me in my future academic endeavors."

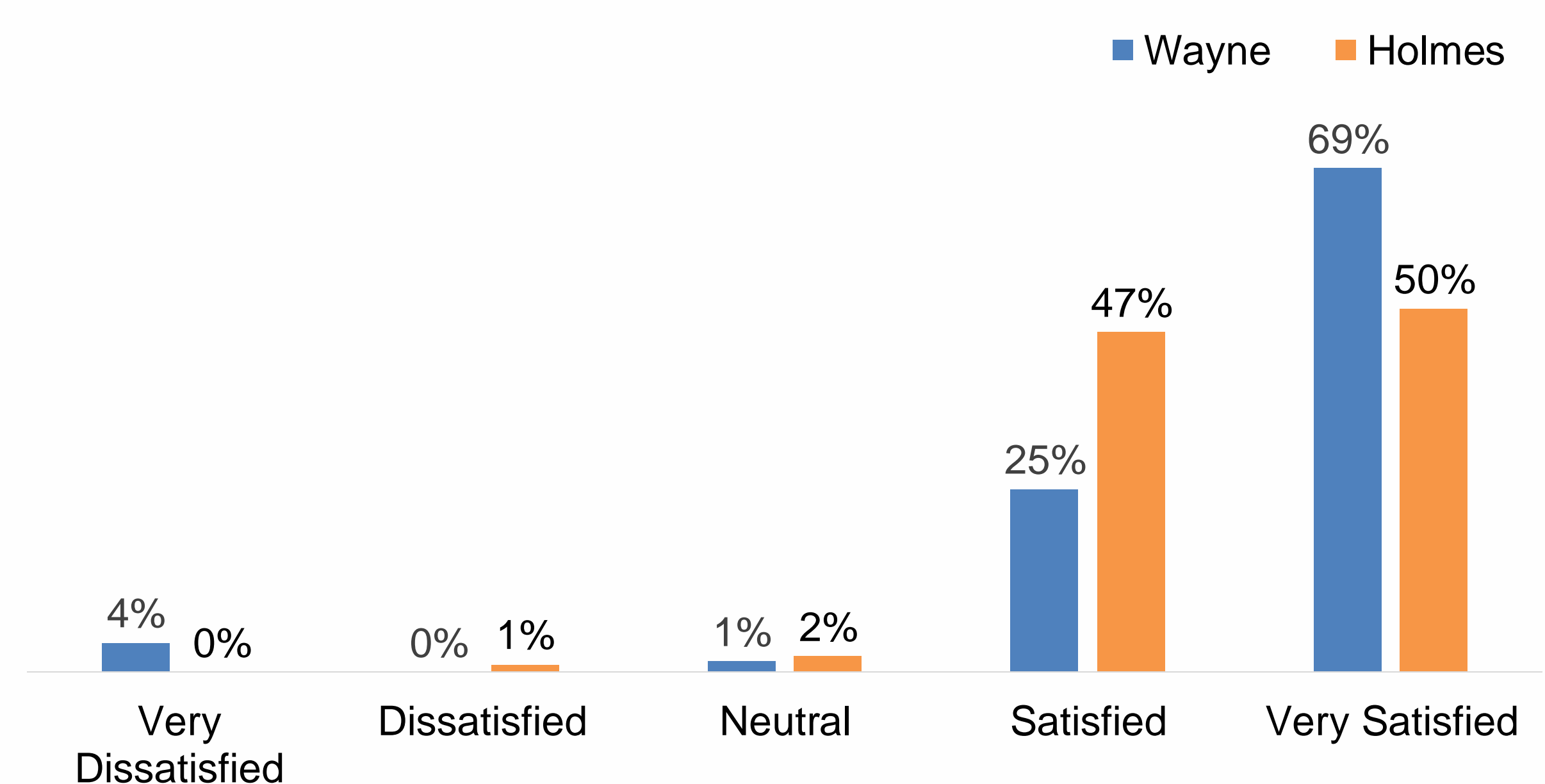


Ryann: "The AMRE program gave me skills that can be applicable to both research positions and my future career as I enter the professional work field."



CONCLUSION

From these surveys we were able to run data analysis and interpret the data. We analyzed and interpreted data from 363 surveys. We learned that DPIL is making a real impact on the children enrolled, their families, and their community. Across all categories they enjoyed and learned from the program with over 95% of people indicating participants were satisfied with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.



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