A love of books and reading offers the foundation for literacy skills that set children up for future success. Parents reading to their children from birth improves a child’s future reading ability.

Dolly Parton believes that if you can read, you can do anything, dream anything, and be anything. Through her Imagination Library program, she wants to ensure all children have books at home, regardless of the environment in which they live.

“The single most significant factor influencing a child’s early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at home prior to beginning school.”
National Commission on Reading

Register your child to receive a book a month from the Imagination Library.

As a parent or caregiver, reading with your child is the most important activity that you can do to help set them up for future success.

Through the Imagination Library, Dolly wants children to be excited about books and to feel the magic that books create. Moreover, she could insure that every child would have books, regardless of their family’s income. For over 20 years, tens of millions of Imagination Library books have been sent to children around the world.

We partner with local communities to provide one free, specially-selected, age-appropriate, high-quality book each month to children from birth to age five. These books are personalized with your child’s name and mailed directly to your home to create a gifting experience that makes books exciting and shows the child someone is thinking of them.

Visit the ImaginationLibrary.com website to access proven and trusted resources for parents and caregivers including tips for reading to children and family engagement activities.
Engaging Parents & Caregivers

Imagination Library has lots of experience with caregivers, children, and reading. We encourage good reading habits for parents, caregivers, and their children. When your child receives their Imagination Library books, we ask you to do the following:

1. Begin reading to your child immediately
2. Read to your child at least five days per week
3. Read books multiple times

Snuggle, ask questions, notice letters, make sounds, have fun!

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library books are specially-selected, age-appropriate, high-quality books that are mailed to registered children at home each month from birth to age five. And best of all, it is a free gift to the family!

"Thank you so much for the books! I love reading them to my daughter, some I had never read, and some I loved as a kid. It is an awesome program and my three year old LOVES getting her own special mail every month."

Smyrna, TN

"My kids absolutely love getting their books in the mail every month! My husband and I read to our kids every night and enjoy the variety of stories we get to introduce them to. It was hard to pick just three that topped our lists, since so many are a huge hit in our house. Awesome program!!!"

Waterford, MI

"I absolutely love Imagination Library. It is such a wonderful way to get children on the right track to a successful education. Thank you for providing books to my child. He's almost two and he loves your books and uses them on a daily basis!"

Harlingen, TX

The Imagination Library Blue Ribbon Selection Committee consists of a nationally recognized group of professionals hand selected to lend their expert recommendations and guidance when tasked with choosing the perfect set of books for hundreds of thousands of children.

Parents and caregivers may visit the Parent Resource section of ImaginationLibrary.com to access reading tips and guides by age, activities, and more.

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