Inspiring a Love of Books and Reading

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) puts books into the hands and hearts of children across the world. Imagination Library books are specially-selected, age-appropriate, high-quality books that are delivered to registered children each month from birth to age five. These books are personalised with the child's name and posted directly to the child's home to create a gifting experience that makes books exciting and shows the child someone is thinking of them.



Some titles have Reading Tips that extend the engagement and interaction between the child and carer.

Each title is carefully chosen by the Gold Medal Book Selection Committee.





DPIL books are available in progressive formats.



Wonderful collection of treasured classics and new favourites alike!





From the first book, "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" to the last book, "Just Imagine", every book is selected with a special purpose.



The Dollywood Foundation and Penguin Random House collaborating in the UK!









Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton launched the Imagination Library to honour her father, who was smart and hardworking, but never learned how to read or write. The programme is meant to give children from all walks of life, both in the United States and around the world, a chance that Dolly's father never had. Together, we can put books in the hands and hearts of all children.



Select high quality, age appropriate books



Build a home library of books



Inspire a love of books, shared reading time

Prevalent Themes and Focus of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: Inspiration & Imagination

Additional Fundamental Themes of Regard:

Love of reading and learning; regard for diversity of people, their roles, culture, and environment; promotion of selfesteem and confidence, appreciation of art and aesthetics

Year One: Birth to 12 Months

Vision - bright, big, colourful

Touch - board pages

Rhyme and rhythm

Simple - easy to use

Minimal text - point and say

Playful sound

Nurture - attachment, lullaby themes

Year Two: 13 Months to 24 Months

Continue concepts from year one and build upon them

Repetition and predictability - generate language

Books about daily routines, topics familiar to child

Use of real photo illustration

Body awareness

Nursery rhymes

Colours, letters, numbers

Year Three: 25 Months to 36 Months

Wordless books - build your own story (reader and child)

Values and character

Issues - fear, conflict, love, safety

Colours, letters, numbers

Nursery rhymes

Year Four: 37 Months to 48 Months

More complex stories - hero, complication, resolution

Diversity of others - faces, environments - OK to be different

Play, humour, fun

Nursery rhymes and poetry

Year Five: 49 Months to 60 Months

School preparation and readiness

Use rebus (pictures used for words)

Science - non-fiction

Folk tales

Thank you, appreciation

Rhymes and poetry

The Gold Medal Book Selection Committee consists of early childhood professionals who lend their expertise in choosing the perfect set of age-appropriate books for thousands of children across the UK.

I have never seen a better and more impressive collection of children's books. My child and I are chuffed to bits about getting an Imagination Library book each and every month!

Parent, England

THIS book programme is the BEST I've ever seen. My daughter and I cannot wait to read picture books every night, and she ALWAYS asks for one of the Imagination Library books from her shelf!

Parent, Scotland





To view the annual book list or to learn more about the book selection committee, visit our website at ImaginationLibrary.com.