



What is Dolly Parton's Imagination Library?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a free, early literacy program that delivers age-appropriate books to children ages 0 to 5 years old each month. **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** promotes a love of reading and learning!

How does the Imagination Library benefit children?

Encouraging the love of reading and learning early in a child's life helps to develop strong literacy skills. Statistics and independent reports have shown **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** drastically improves early childhood literacy and enhances kindergarten readiness. Children read more when they have books at home!

A follow-up study, released in August 2015, compared the "kindergarten readiness" of children who participated in **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** for at least three or four years of the program vs. children who did not participate. The results showed a 28.9% increase in the number of children who were prepared for kindergarten based on this measure.

Are children too young to read?

It is never too soon to start reading to your child! Reading aloud to young children is a key literacy-boosting activity. A study, done by Le Moyne College faculty, found that the longer a child is enrolled in the program, the more frequently parents will read to their children.

Do children keep the books?

Yes! These books are your child's to keep forever! **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** creates a love of book ownership and encourages a love of reading as an everyday activity. For many children, these will be the first books they will own.

Children are very excited to receive their own book in the mail and see their own name on the mailing label. This helps to encourage their enthusiasm about reading the books.

Who is eligible to receive free books?

This program is open to all children

How do parents sign up their children for free books?

Option #1: After parents complete a registration card, the Community Coordinator will then manually enter the child into the Book Order System (BOS).

Option #2: Parents can register their children by visiting imaginationlibrary.ca and filling out the form on the webpage. The Community Coordinator must approve online registration before books will be sent. See Operations Manual for full details.

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR PARENTS:

STEP 1: Read and agree to the terms and conditions.

STEP 2: Provide your current address

STEP 3: Provide the name, date of birth, and gender of your child. (Note: Children over the age of 5 at the time of registration are not eligible to receive free books).

STEP 4: Provide the parent or guardian information. Ensure that the email address and or phone number used to register your child is valid so that we may contact you with any questions regarding your child's registration. If you prefer not to register online or need assistance with registration, please email us at admin@imaginationlibrary.ca.

STEP 5: When you complete the registration, you will receive a message from the Dollywood Foundation/Imagination Library directing you to confirm the email address that you provided. Account information will be sent to that inbox. Once your child's application has been reviewed, you will be notified via email when your child has been approved or if the application was denied (along with a reason for denial).

When will the child get the first book?

The first book will arrive approximately 8 to 10 weeks after registration. After receiving the first book, a new book will arrive every month until a child's fifth birthday.

Who can register a child?

The child's parent or legal guardian can register them for this program.

How will the children receive their books?

All books will be delivered by Canada Post to the address provided.

What if someone thought they signed up, but never got a book?

Verify that the child was registered properly in the book ordering system. If registered online, ensure the child was approved by the Community Coordinator. Note the date of registration. The first book will arrive 8 to 10 weeks after they sign up. If it has not arrived after 10 weeks, please contact admin@imaginationlibrary.ca.

What happens if the child moves?

If a child moves, please direct the parent to log into their parent account to change the primary address. Please keep in mind if they do move off-reserve, they will no longer be eligible to receive books. Families will need to allow up to 30 days for changes to their account to be accepted into the system.

For families that have moved, they can check the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to see if there is an affiliate in their new home area since this is a national program.

When will children stop receiving books?

The children will stop receiving books in the month of their fifth birthday. The last book a child will receive is called, "Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!" and includes a special letter from Dolly.

What if families have more than one child who is eligible?

As long as children are under the age of 5, they are eligible for the program. Each eligible child will receive their own book each month. To register more than one child, simply repeat the registration process by filling out the form for each child.

Is the program really free?

Yes! Imagination Library is intended as a gift to all children. It is absolutely free for any child in the area regardless of family income!

What kinds of books will you be sending?

Age appropriate books are selected by professionals who choose books that reflect diversity, promote self-esteem and a love of reading.

How are the books picked?

A Book Selection Committee of childhood education experts selects the books. Books selected for the Imagination Library include well-loved classics.

The committee also determines an age-appropriate timeline for book themes, including: visual and

playful stimulation in year one; repetition and body awareness in year two; love, colours and letters in year three; diversity of others and poetry in year four; and finally, riddles, science and appreciation in year five. They also offer some books published in Canada.

Is there a registration deadline?

No. Registration is ongoing. Please keep in mind that only children under the age of 5 are eligible to receive books. If a child is older than 5 at the time of registration, they will not be eligible for the program.

Can a child be signed up without an email address or phone number?

If you do not have an email address or a phone number, please contact us and we will register you manually.

Are there income restrictions in order to qualify for this program?

All children who meet the age requirement are eligible to register and receive books regardless of income.

Can children be registered before they are born?

No. At the time of registration, the birthdate of your child must be today's date or a date in the past.

Are foster children eligible for the program?

Children under the care of foster parents are eligible for enrollment in the program. If you are a foster parent, once a child is in your care, you can enroll them using your home or apartment as the preferred mailing address.

What if a child does not have a permanent mailing address?

If your family moves frequently or does not have a permanent mailing address, we urge you to reach out to a friend or family member who lives on-reserve and would be willing to receive the books for you. Books can only be mailed to a residence, NOT a place of business, a non-profit or similar institution.

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