



Inspire a Love of Reading



A love of books and reading offers the foundation for literacy skills that prepare children 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 programme, 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

As a parent or carer, 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 more than 20 years, tens of millions of Imagination Library books have been sent to children around the world.

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



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library puts books into the hands and hearts of children across 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 personalised with your child's name and posted 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](https://www.imaginationlibrary.com) website to access proven and trusted resources for parents and carers including tips for reading to children and family engagement activities.

Engaging Parents & Carers

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



Begin reading to your child immediately



Read to your child at least five days per week



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 posted to registered children at home each month from birth to age five. And best of all, it is a *free* gift to the family!



The Imagination Library Gold Medal Selection Committee consists of a nationally recognised 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 carers may visit the [Parent Resource section of ImaginationLibrary.com](#) to access reading tips and guides by age, activities and more.

Because of this programme, my family is reminded to read almost every day, and my four-year-old can't wait for storytime at bedtime. This programme really works for getting children prepared for school.

London

My family loves the Imagination Library because it's such a wonderful programme. The books that come by post are both modern and classic stories, and my three-year-old loves getting her personal gift from her 'Aunt Dolly' every month!

Edinburgh

My children love getting their books in the post once a month. Since we started getting Dolly's books, my partner and I have made a habit of reading to our son and daughter at least once a day. We're all really excited about the variety and diversity of the books arriving each month, and we're so happy to know that the best ones have been selected for us!

Belfast