Parents & Caregivers

Setting Up Children for Future Success

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is the flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Tennessee organization. The Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting FREE books to children from birth to age five. The program is made possible through funding shared by Dolly Parton herself, and local Program Partners in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and the Republic of Ireland.

Inspired by her father's inability to read and write, Dolly started the Imagination Library in 1995 to serve the children of her hometown in Sevier County, Tennessee. Today, her program spans five countries and gifts over 3 million free, high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to children around the world. There is never a charge to families who participate in the program and it is open to all children under the age of five in geographic areas with operating programs.

As a parent or caregiver, reading with your child is one of the most important activities you can engage in to help set them up for success.

Dolly believes that if you can read, you can do anything, dream anything and be anything. Through her Imagination Library, Dolly wants to ensure every child can feel the magic that books create.

Register your child today and begin receiving one free, high-quality, age-appropriate book each month for your child, birth to age five. These books are personalized with your child's name and mailed directly to your home to create a one-of-kind gifting experience.

> "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."
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> *– National Commission on Reading*

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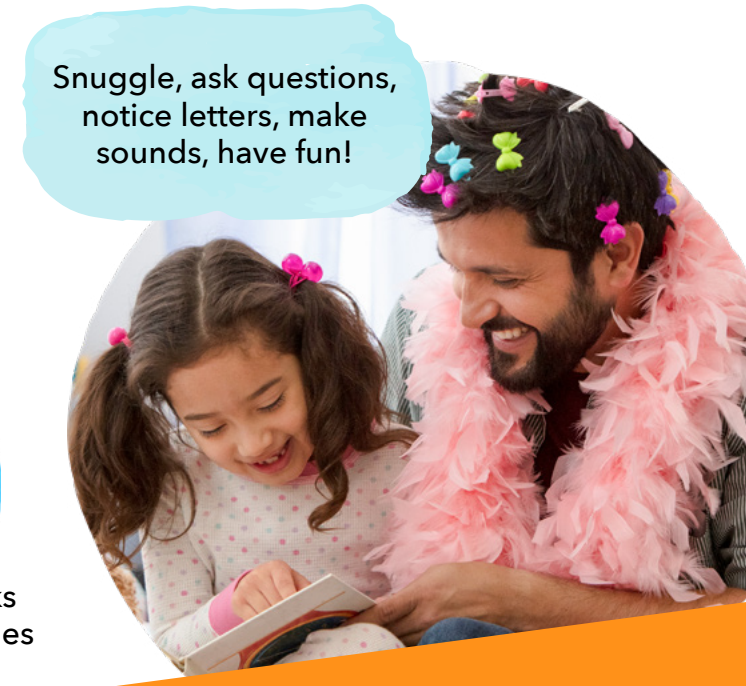
Engaging Parents & Caregivers

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library encourages 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 with your child immediately
2. Read to your child at least 5 days per week
3. Read books multiple times

Each year, our esteemed Blue Ribbon Book Selection Committee, a specially selected panel of early childhood literacy experts, is responsible for reviewing hundreds of potential titles for inclusion in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

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 3 year old LOVES getting her own special mail every month.

- Parent

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 3 that topped our lists, since so many are a huge hit in our house.
Awesome program!!!!

- Parent

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