

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book-gifting charity for young children aged 0-5. Dolly was inspired to set up her Imagination Library as a tribute to her father, a smart and hard-working man who was unable to read or write. Dolly wants to guarantee access to books, inspire a life-long love of reading and help children reach their full potential.

*"I remain totally convinced that if we could do one simple thing to inspire kids and adults to learn more, it would be to inspire them to read more. Thank you for your interest in my Imagination Library programme."*



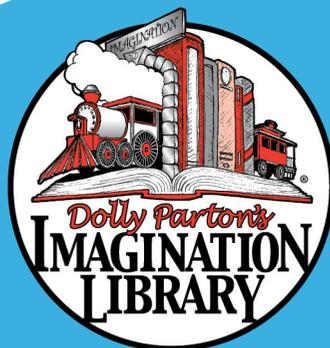
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We hope the children in your care enjoy the books!



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*Inspire a Love  
of Reading*

## Welcome to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

All children enrolled in the Imagination Library receive a book in the post every month until their fifth birthday.

Every book is personally addressed to the child. All titles in the Imagination Library are published by Penguin Random House and carefully selected by a panel of experts in early childhood literacy and reading.

## A free programme

The Dollywood Foundation UK works with national and local funders and other charities to fund this programme. Dolly, through her Foundation, contributes as well. Here in Hampshire, for children in care or who have a social worker, this is supported by the charity Make My Day Better, plus other donors. This means it is free for the children receiving the books.

## A love of books and reading

Reading and encouraging a love of books is one of the best things we can do for our children. Book sharing with a child encourages bonding and development of language, communication and cognitive skills. Children find snuggling up with a grown up and a book very comforting. Books are a fuel for a child's imagination!

## Dolly's charity

Dolly set up the first Imagination Library in 1995 in her hometown in Tennessee, USA. Since then, the Imagination Library has come to the UK with more than 50,000 children receiving a book every month!



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This programme is for looked-after children, previously looked-after children, those on a child protection plan or a child in need plan, in kinship care or under a special guardianship order. Children are welcome to remain registered and continue to receive books until their fifth birthday, even if they leave care or no longer have a social worker. We hope to include all the children we work with who are under the age of five.

## How do I register?

This programme is administered by Hampshire Virtual School. You can register here, <https://forms.office.com/e/SGWMW6Hjs> or scan the QR code below:

