



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Dolly Parton's Imagination Library?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) is an international book-gifting programme that the Childhood Development Initiative (CDI) is launching in Ireland, starting with a pilot in Dublin 24. Families who live in Dublin 24 can sign up their child from birth to five years old, and the Imagination Library will send each child a new book every month. This comes at no cost to the child's family.

The purpose is to help local children become "reading ready" by the time they start school. Reading with young children is proven to make a big difference to their future success. Please watch the short video on [our website](#) about literacy, the importance of reading, and resources in the local community.

How do we sign up?

You can sign up via www.cdi.ie/imaginationlibrary. Parents without internet access can sign up on a computer at the Library or with the support of various people from Early Learning and Care settings, schools, public health nurses and midwives.

You can sign up each child in your household under the age of 5 years. Siblings will get different age appropriate books each month.

That sounds too good to be true. Is there some kind of catch? How can this be free?

No catch! There will never be any cost to you. Dolly Parton created the Imagination Library to make books more available to young children, because early experience with reading is so important to their futures. The programme is supported by The Dollywood Foundation, combined with support from An Post and The Rotary Club, Dublin.

The Imagination Library operates on a very large scale, purchasing and mailing many thousands of books every month. That's how they are able to provide this service at a cost low enough to be covered by donations, so that all families can participate for free.

How secure is the information provided to Imagination Library?

CDI, An Post, The Rotary Club, Dublin and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library take information security very seriously. We will not share it or use it for any purpose other than this service.

Does my child need to have a library card to participate?

No. All children from birth up to five years old who live in Dublin 24 can receive books by mail from DPIL.

I owe library fines. Can we still sign up?

Yes. You can still sign up for the Imagination Library. Libraries no longer collect fines.



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How can we get Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in our area (outside Dublin 24)?

For Parents:

At the moment we are only delivering this programme in Dublin 24. When the DPIL expands to your area, it will be widely publicised.

For Organisations/Service Providers:

We will be piloting this programme in the Dublin 24 throughout 2019. We will monitor and evaluate the uptake and impact of the programme in our area to ensure its success. We will produce a mid-year learning review and a full replication document to support the upscale to other areas. Please get in touch with Emma.Reilly@cdi.ie to discuss what support CDI can offer you to bring DPIL to your area from 2020.

CDI are working in conjunction with An Post and The Rotary Club, Dublin and other organisations to ensure that the DPIL is a massive success and we'll look to expand the programme where possible.

What if our family is homeless?

Your family does not need a permanent address to sign up your child for the Imagination Library. Your child needs have an address in Dublin 24 where he or she can receive mail. The books will be addressed to your child's name.

What if we move home / change address?

No problem, so long as you still live in Dublin 24, you need to change your mailing address in the [Parent Section](#) of the website for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

When will my child get the first book?

The first book will arrive about 8 – 10 weeks after you sign up. Because the national organisation is so large, it takes a little while to get new addresses into their system. But once you get the first book, a new book will come regularly every month until your child's fifth birthday.

Will books come at the same time if I have more than one child in the program?

Books may come at different times of the month. Once each of your children has received a first book, each month's books should arrive by the last day of the month – but not necessarily on the same day.

If you have any other questions or require any further information, please contact Emma.Reilly@cdi.ie or visit our website www.cdi.ie



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