



## **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library – Now available in Siskiyou County!**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **What is Imagination Library?**

Imagination Library is a free, nationwide early literacy program that delivers to children age birth to five a new, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. Imagination Library promotes love of reading and learning.

#### **Is my child eligible?**

All children, under the age of 5 years, that live in Siskiyou County are eligible to receive Imagination Library books, at no cost to the family and regardless of income. They will receive one book per month from birth to their fifth birthday.

#### **How do I sign-up my child?**

Parents are encouraged to go to their local Family or Community Resource Center to sign-up or, for online enrollment, go to [www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com).

#### **After we sign-up, how long will it take to get our first book?**

Six to eight weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue to arrive until your child turns five, or you move out of Siskiyou County.

#### **What if I have more than one child?**

Each child may be signed-up to receive their very own Imagination Library! Imagination Library's selection panel rotates some books in the Library each year, so that siblings do not receive full sets of identical titles.

#### **Is the program really free?**

Yes! Imagination Library is intended as a gift to all children, therefore it is absolutely free for any child from birth to age five years who lives in Siskiyou County, regardless of family income!

#### **Does my child get to keep the books?**

Yes! These books are your child's to keep forever! The Imagination Library creates a love of book ownership as a way to also encourage a love of reading as an everyday activity.

#### **How often will we get books?**

Your child will receive a new, age-appropriate book each month in the mail until the child's fifth birthday.

#### **Can I sign-up my out-of-town grandchild, niece, or nephew in the Imagination Library?**

Sorry, only children who live in Siskiyou County are eligible to enroll. We encourage you to see if Imagination Library is offered in their home community. Please visit [www.imaginationlibrary.org](http://www.imaginationlibrary.org) and find out where the program is available.

#### **My grandchild, niece, or nephew lives in the qualifying area – can I sign them up to receive books through Imagination Library?**

A parent or guardian must sign the registrations form for Imagination Library. If a grandparent, aunt, or uncle completes the form, they must have a parent's signature on the form. We encourage parents to complete the form directly, however.

#### **How are the books picked? Will they be appropriate for my child?**

A committee of childhood education experts selects the books for the Imagination Library, which includes well-loved classics. The committee also determines an age-appropriate timeline for book themes, including: visual and playful simulation in year one; repetition and body awareness in year two; love, colors, 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 bilingual books featuring Spanish and English text on the same page.

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**Questions? Please call First 5 Siskiyou Children & Families Commission at (530)918-7222.**

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