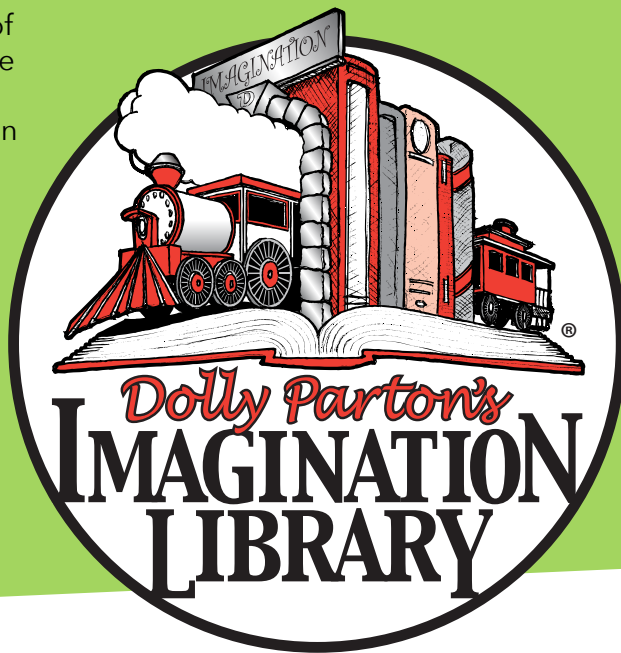


# Books & Selection

## Inspiring a Love of Books and Reading

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.



### Dolly Parton's Imagination Library books include...



#### Blue Ribbon Selection Seal

Each book is specially selected by a panel of leading childhood literacy experts.



#### Book-Specific Reading Tips

Most books have Reading Tips that extend the engagement and interaction between the child and caregiver.



#### Various Formats

Award-winning books are available in various formats.

- Board Books
- Flexibound
- High-Quality Soft Cover



#### Bilingual English/Spanish Books

Two bilingual English/Spanish books are included each year in each age group.



#### New 100% Bilingual Book Option

In select states in the U.S., families have the option to enroll in our bilingual English/Spanish program where every book is bilingual.



#### Braille Books

Through a partnership with the American Printing House for the Blind, we are able to help provide books to children who are blind or low vision in the U.S.



Scan Me

# Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Book Selection

Imagination Library books are chosen by our Blue Ribbon Selection Committee, and are personalized with the child's name and mailed directly to the child's home to create a gifting experience that makes them feel special.



Select high quality, age appropriate books



Build a home Library of books



Inspire a love of books, shared reading time



The Blue Ribbon Book Selection Committee consists of early childhood professionals who lend their expertise in choosing the perfect set of age-appropriate books for hundreds of thousands of children across the U.S. To learn more, visit [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com).



From the first book, "The Little Engine That Could" to the last book, "Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!", every book is selected with a special purpose.

"Book day is our absolute favorite mail day!! Seeing her face light up as she gets a new "night night" book is one of my favorite things to see as a parent!"

- Parent



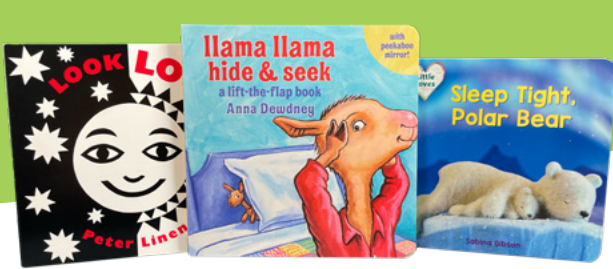


# Main Themes of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Books: Inspiration & Imagination

## Additional Themes:

Love of reading and learning, regard for diversity of people, their roles, culture, and environment, promotion of self-esteem and confidence, appreciation of art and aesthetics.

To learn more, visit [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com)



### Year One

- Bright, big, colorful
- Rhyme and rhythm
- Minimal text
- Point and say
- Playful sound
- Nurture, Attachment, Lullaby themes

### Year Two

- Continue concepts from year one and build upon them
- Repetitive and predictable
- Daily routines
- Real photo illustrations
- Body awareness
- Nursery rhymes
- Colors, Letters, Numbers



### Year Three

- Wordless books - build your own story (reader and child)
- Values and character
- Issues: Fear, Conflict, Love, Safety
- Colors, Letters, Numbers
- Nursery rhymes

### Year Four

- More complex stories: Hero, Complication, Resolution
- Diversity of others faces, environments - OK to be different
- Play, Humor, Fun
- Nursery rhymes and poetry
- Imagination



### Year Five

- School preparation and readiness
- Use rebus (pictures used for words)
- Science-non-fiction
- Thank you, appreciation
- Rhymes and poetry

