

## What is the Imagination Library of Kirtland?

The Imagination Library of Kirtland is affiliated with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and is a free program. It sounds almost too simple to be true, but by reading regularly with your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education they will ever get.

**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** will help you read with your child. There are many reasons parents do not read to their child, but we can eliminate one of them. Every child will have books of their very own, *at no cost to you*, thanks to *generous community donors* and Dolly Parton.

Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. He/she can look forward to new and exciting reading adventures from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library until he/she turns five years old as long as you remain a resident within the **Kirtland Local School District boundaries**. Should the child move outside **KLS boundaries**, he / she automatically exits the program.

**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a FREE GIFT to our children! All you have to do is read to your children.**

## Who Is Eligible?

**Preschool children** (birth until their fifth birthday) **within the Kirtland Local School District boundaries.**

## What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a resident in the **Kirtland Local School District Area**.
2. Submit an official registration form or register on-line.
3. Notify the Imagination Library of Kirtland any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address listed on the official registration form. ***If a child's address changes, you must contact your friends at the address on this brochure in order to continue receiving books.***
4. Read with your child.

## When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to twelve weeks after your register, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue until your child turns five or you move out of the **Kirtland Local School District boundaries**.

## How Can I Help?

Do you know a preschool child in the **Kirtland Local School District boundaries** who is not receiving Dolly Parton's Imagination Library? Give their parents a brochure / registration form and encourage them to fill it out and mail it to the address below, or have them sign-up online at [www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com). Telling them about this **FREE program** can make a huge difference in their future and the future of our community.

If you know of a business, organization or individual who would like to donate funds to support this program, tax deductible donations can be sent to:

### **Imagination Library of Kirtland**

9022 Martin Road  
Kirtland, OH 44094  
(440) 256-2414  
[imaginationlibraryofkirtland@yahoo.com](mailto:imaginationlibraryofkirtland@yahoo.com)  
or make an online donation at:  
[www.dollysimginationlibrary.com](http://www.dollysimginationlibrary.com)

**“This program is one of the most important ways to improve the educational opportunities for children”**



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**The Gift that Speaks  
Volumes for  
Your Child's Future**

# Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY Official Registration Form (one per child required)

Privacy Statement: This information will not be used for any purpose other than the Imagination Library.

PLEASE PRINT

Preschool Child's FULL Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

"This child is a resident of the Kirtland Local Schools Area": \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT / GUARDIAN

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY: Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Code \_\_\_\_\_

## What Is Dolly Parton's Imagination Library?

In 1995, a program was founded so that every child in Sevier County, Tennessee, would have their own library books that would encourage in them a love of reading and learning. The program was so successful and generated such interest from across the United States that the program was brought to Kirtland, Ohio. Serving the Kirtland Local School District area, the Imagination Library of Kirtland is available to all preschoolers in the community.

## How Does it Work?

You sign your child up for the program through the Imagination Library of Kirtland and we do the rest.

Each month, from the day your child is born, until his/her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, a carefully selected book arrives in the mail. Kids across the country have shared the excitement of running to the mailbox to retrieve their book. More often than not, the child wants the book read to them now - - not tonight, not tomorrow, not later, right now!

Each book is carefully selected by a committee composed of parents, teachers, child development specialists, librarians, publishers, and others specializing in early childhood literacy. Special attention is given to age-appropriateness and the development of such positive themes as promotion of self-esteem and confidence, regard for diversity, and appreciation of art.

## Why Begin So Early?

Learning to read is a process much like learning to speak or learning to walk. The process begins at birth. Children associate sounds with emotions. They must learn how a book works - you read left to right and you turn pages. They associate pictures with words. These are all steps along the way to learning to read.

Perhaps even more importantly, they also learn to love to read. Sitting in a loved one's lap, all warm and cozy, develops a powerful association between reading and love. These are pleasurable experiences and as such, they prompt those words we love to hear, "Read it again, Mommy!"

There is ample research to support early literacy, yet common sense tells us most of what we need to know. The key to success in school and beyond is developing proficient reading skills. One of the most important things a parent can do to develop these skills is to read with their child as much as possible.

The Imagination Library of Kirtland is a unique opportunity to give something simple yet powerful to children and parents. By reading regularly with our children, we can give them the biggest boost toward a successful education they will ever get, making a huge difference in their future and the future of our community.

To learn more about how the preschool child in your family can become part of the Imagination Library of Kirtland, call Paul Zuberer, (440) 812-7298, Kevin Eflerman, (440) 256-2414, or Donna Rudder, (440) 256-8221.

Sign up your child today!

Simply sign up online at [www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com)  
Or fill out the above form and mail to:  
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