



Wilsonville Imagination Library

Frequently asked questions

Wilsonville Imagination Library is an affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The program is championed by the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation.

What is Dolly Parton's Imagination Library?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) is an early literacy effort which is designed to encourage parents to read to their children. Enrolled children receive a high quality, age appropriate book delivered to their home once a month each month until their 5th birthday.

Why is reading to children important?

Reading, writing, speaking, and learning skills blossom when babies and toddlers are exposed to rich and varied language through reading great books with family members. Research shows that children who are read to frequently while they are toddlers are more prepared for kindergarten and they perform better in academic subjects in school for many years to follow. Enrollment in DPIL not only strengthens children's reading readiness skills, but it also strengthens the overall classroom experience for all children when a high percentage of children in a community receive books through DPIL.

Who can enroll?

Any child who is under 5 years old and who lives within the West Linn Wilsonville School District may enroll in DPIL. Wilsonville Imagination Library covers zip codes 97070 and a small portion of 97062. West Linn Imagination Library covers zip code 97068.

How much does it cost?

DPIL is free to the families of enrolled children, unless the family chooses to make a donation.

However, there is a cost to our community. The Dollywood Foundation pairs with Penguin Books to keep the costs low. The Wilsonville Public Library Foundation pays about \$25 per child per year of enrollment.

How can I enroll my child?

There are several ways a child may enroll:

1. Register online at www.imaginationlibrary.com. Click Check Availability.
2. Register in person at the Wilsonville Public Library
3. Mail a paper registration form from an official brochure to the Wilsonville Public Library, 8200 SW Wilsonville Rd, Wilsonville, OR 97070

What happens if I move?

DPIL uses the least expensive option for mailing. That means that books are not forwarded or returned to us unless we pay for that service. You can help us keep expenses low.

- If you move, please go to www.imaginationlibrary.com to update your address. Your User ID is your email address. Or go to www.wplf.org/change-address/ and complete and submit the Change of Address form. If you move away from Wilsonville we'll transfer your child if DPIL is available at your new location. It will take 6-8 weeks for the next book to arrive at your new address.
- If you have questions please contact us at wilsonvillepil@gmail.com.

How can I help?

There are two ways organizations and individuals can assist with Wilsonville Imagination Library.

1. Tell families who have babies and toddlers about Imagination Library so they can enroll their children. All children under 5 in a family are eligible.
2. Donate to the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation and designate your contribution to Imagination Library. Go to wplf.org to donate. Donors of all levels are appreciated!

Is there a website I can look at to learn more?

Yes! Find out more at:

Enrollment and national information: www.imaginationlibrary.com

Local information: www.wplf.org/dolly-parton-il/

Wilsonville Public Library Foundation information: www.wplf.org

Who can I contact with other questions?

Hilly Alexander, Executive Director of Wilsonville Imagination Library, can be reached at wilsonvilleDPIL@gmail.com.

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