



Smart Start and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library are working together to get books into the hands of North Carolina's youngest children.

Your child can receive a book every month mailed right to your home. The program is **FREE** for children under the age of 5, and available in almost every zip code in NC. To check if you are eligible and register your child, visit our website.

[www.smartstart.org/dpil-registration](http://www.smartstart.org/dpil-registration)





Teaching children a love of reading begins early and can last a lifetime. Here are some tips for reading with your child!

- 1 Begin reading to your child immediately – Reading to your young child will help you bond and establish an important foundation for future learning. The earlier you start, the better the results!
- 2 Read to your child every day – Children who are avid readers were read to every day from a very young age. Make reading a regular event in your home.
- 3 Read books multiple times – Reading the same book over (and over) reinforces language development and encourages children to participate in the reading activity.



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