

Getting a Library Card

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! This is a national campaign to highlight the importance of library cards to a child's education and to encourage children and families to read. The campaign started in 1987 when Secretary of Education William Bennett said, "Let's have a campaign ... Every child should obtain a library card and use it."

The world is full of magical places, and the library has always been one of them for me. A library can be that special place for our children. - Julie Andrews

A library card is the start of a lifelong adventure. — Lilian Jackson Braun

Getting a library card and checking out books is a big step in a child's life. Studies show that children who use a library and are read to at home will do better in school.



How do we get a library card?

Start by contacting your local library to ask how old a child needs to be to get their first library card. Also, ask what identification you need to bring with you. Your library can let you know when they are open and how soon you can start checking out books.

Next, talk to your child about visiting the library and getting a card. Explain that libraries are fun and have lots of books and activities for them. Tell your child about library manners like always walking, using a quiet voice, being careful with books, and listening to the librarians.

When you get to the Library, go to the front desk and tell them you would like a new library card. Fill out the form with the necessary information (name, address, etc.). Your child may need to sign their name on the form or the card. The parent usually has to sign that they will be responsible for what the child borrows.

Now that you have a card, find the children's area of the library and start browsing through the books that fit your child's age range and interests. Many libraries have a Children's Specialist who will gladly show you to the right area and can also find age-appropriate books on topics that interest the child.

Remember that the librarian is not a babysitter and that a library is a public place that anyone can enter. Stay with your child and help them find books. Don't let them wander off alone.

Where is our library?

Benton County

[Corvallis-Benton County Public Library - Alsea Community Library](#)

Location: 19192 Alsea Hwy, Alsea, OR 97324

Contact: 541-487-5061, www.facebook.com/AlseaCommunityLibrary

Storytime: Infant Storytime (0-12 months), Tuesdays at 10:30 am.

Toddler Storytime (1-3yrs) Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

Preschool Storytime (3-5 yrs.) Thursdays at 10:30 am.

Saturday Storytime, Saturdays at 10:30 am.



[Corvallis-Benton County Public Library - Corvallis Public Library](#)

Location: 645 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis, OR 97330

Contact: 541-766-6793, www.facebook.com/cbcpl

Storytime: Contact the Library for more information about Kids & Family programming.

[Corvallis-Benton County Public Library - Monroe Community Library](#)

Location: 380 N 5th Street, Monroe, OR 97456

Contact: 541-766-6793, www.facebook.com/MonroeCommunityLibrary

Storytime: Mondays at 10:30 am. Baby Storytime (0-24months) Thursdays at 11 am.

[Corvallis-Benton County Public Library - Philomath Community Library](#)

Location: 1050 Applegate, Philomath, OR 97370

Contact: 541-929-3016, www.facebook.com/PhilomathCommunityLibrary

Storytime: Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

Lincoln County

[Driftwood Public Library](#)

Location: 801 SE Hwy 101 #201, Lincoln City, OR 97367

Contact: 541-996-2277, librarian@lincolncity.org

Storytime: Thursdays at 10:30 am.

[Newport Public Library](#)

Location: 35 NW Nye Street, Newport, OR 97365

Contact: 541-265-2153

Storytime: Virtual Preschool Storytimes and Juvenile Book Talk on [Newport Public Library YouTube channel](#).



[Siletz Public Library](#)

Location: 255 SE Gaither Street, Siletz, OR 97380

Contact: 541-444-2855, siletz@siletzlibrary.org

Storytime: Contact the Library for more information about Kids & Family programming.

[Toledo Public Library](#)

Location: 173 NW 7th Street, Toledo, OR 97391

Contact: 541-336-3132

Storytime: Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

Waldport Public Library

Location: 460 NW Hemlock Street, Waldport, OR 97394

Contact: 541-563-5880, waldportlibrary@waldportlibrary.org

Storytime: Contact the Library for more information about Kids & Family programming.

Linn County**Albany Public Library - Main Library**

Locations: 2450 14th Avenue SE

Contact: 541-917-7580, AskAlbany@cityofalbany.net

Storytime: Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

Albany Public Library - Carnegie Library

Location: 302 Ferry Street SW

Contact: 541-917-7585, AskAlbany@cityofalbany.net

Storytime: Fridays at 10:30 am.

Brownsville Community Library

Location: 146 Spaulding Avenue, Brownsville, OR 97327

Contact: 541-466-5454

Storytime: Parents and Pals Tuesdays at 2 pm. Story Time with Craft Friday at 11 am.

Harrisburg Public Library

Location: 20 Smith Street Harrisburg, OR 97446

Contact: 541-995-6655, lross@ci.harrisburg.or.us

Storytime: Fridays at 10 am at the Municipal Center on 354 Smith Street.

Lebanon Public Library

Location: 55 Academy Street Lebanon, OR 97355

Contact: (541) 258.4926 libraryinfo@ci.lebanon.or.us

Storytime: Beginning Sept 14th - Baby and Me Storytime (0-24mo) Wednesdays at 10 am.

Beginning Sept 15th – Preschool Storytime Thursdays at 10 am.

Scio Public Library

Location: In the Scio City Hall building at 38957 NW 1st Avenue, Scio OR 97374. The main entrance to the Library is from NW Alder Street.

Contact: 503-394-3342

Storytime: Tuesdays at 9:30 am.

Sweet Home Public Library

Location: 1101 13th Avenue Sweet Home, OR 97386.

Contact: 541-367-5007, shpl@sweethomeor.gov

Storytime: Contact the Library for more information about Kids & Family programming.



What else is at the library?

Librarians and library staff assist parents and caregivers with saving hundreds of dollars on educational resources and services for students. In addition to books, many libraries offer child-friendly materials like puppets and creative kits, access to technology, in-person and virtual homework help, reading and learning games and apps for young children, and other digital resources. Libraries also offer in-person and virtual children's programming like storytime.

Storytime at the library is a great place to interact with your little ones where you can sing along to some songs, listen to a new story weekly, and engage in crafts. Many libraries offer educational family activities and events throughout the year. Please contact your local library for more information.

[Read about even more benefits of taking your child to the library from EveryLibrary.](#)

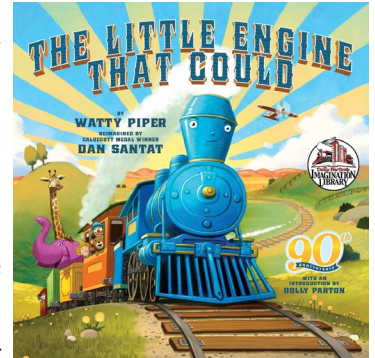


Want Your Child to Receive Free Books?

Linn, Benton, and Lincoln County families with children under five years old are eligible to register for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library! The Imagination Library mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until their fifth birthday. Books are available in English and Spanish.

Enroll your child online, or call your Library to have a staff member assist you with registration over the phone. Once the registration is processed, books will be mailed monthly to the child's home until their fifth birthday.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a 60-volume set of books, beginning with the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could™*. A new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home each month. Best of all, it is a FREE GIFT! There is no cost or obligation to your family.



Funding is provided by the [United Way of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties](#), [the Early Learning Hub](#), and other community partners.

For more information, please visit pollywogfamily.org/resources/dolly-partons-imagination-library/

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