

# Free Books (To Keep!) For Your Child



A child learns to love books and build reading skills at home starting from birth. The Edmonton Public Library can help. **Ready. Set. READ!** is a new program in partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Eligible children will receive a new, age-appropriate book every month until age five.

At this time, Ready. Set. READ! is only available to families living in one of 13 neighbourhoods across Edmonton. Space is limited and children must be under five years old. To see if you qualify, visit [epl.ca/ready-set-read](http://epl.ca/ready-set-read).

## How To Apply

Eligible families can apply online at [epl.ca/ready-set-read](http://epl.ca/ready-set-read) or complete a paper form. If you need help, or to hand in your form, talk to a staff member in any of our 21 locations. You will be notified by email if your application is successful.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **Are books really free?** Yes! All books are free until your child turns five, when they graduate and stop receiving books. Books are mailed directly to your house and are yours to keep forever.
- **When will I start receiving books?** If your application is approved, it generally takes 7-10 weeks from the time you apply until the first book arrives at your door.
- **My child turns five in a month. Can I still apply?** No, since your child will turn five before the first book is mailed out (7-10 weeks after your application is submitted).
- **Can I apply for more than one child?** Yes! Each child (under five) will receive an age-appropriate book based on their year of birth. Books may arrive at different times.

## Discover the Life-Changing Magic of Reading

Our goal with Ready. Set. READ! is to help you make reading part of your child's everyday routine. You are your child's first (and best!) teacher. Reading with your child is the best way for them to learn the skills they need to become a good reader.

With strong language and reading skills, your child is more likely to:

- Go further in school
- Have a higher income
- Be happier and healthier throughout life

**Becoming a good reader starts at home.**

