



- **Why is Raising Readers ending?**
The program is ending because of changes in funding. We're ever grateful to the Libra Foundation, who has funded this program for 23 years.
- **I love Raising Readers. Is there anything I can do to stop/change this?**
We appreciate the support, but the decision has been made to end Raising Readers in March 2024.
- **Will another program replace Raising Readers?**
No. However, at this time of writing this FAQ, we know of two different early literacy programs that make books available to families in Maine: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and Reach Out and Read.
- **What is Dolly Parton's Imagination Library?**
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) mails a book every month to the home of families, starting at birth through age five. DPIL is not available to all Maine children, although in 2023 the state announced plans to expand DPIL to more Maine children. So even if your hometown is not yet included, it may be in the future.
- **How do I know if Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) is available in my area?**
Families can check to see if DPIL is available in their area [here](#).
- **What is Reach Out and Read?**
Reach Out and Read (ROR) gives books at well child visits, starting at 6 months through age 5. In 2023, ROR announced plans to expand into Maine. So even if your child's primary care provider office isn't yet a ROR site, it may be in the future.
- **How do I know if my child's primary care office participates in ROR?**
If you have more questions, contact northeast@reachoutandread.org.
- **Where can I go to continue accessing books for my child?**
As always, we encourage parents and caregivers to visit their local libraries to check-out books.
- **Will I receive books when I give birth?**
At this time, there is no program like Raising Readers that will give books to families at birth. If the Dolly Parton Imagination Library is available in your area, you can sign up to receive books in the mail starting at birth. Learn more [here](#).
- **What if I have other questions that weren't included here?**
Email us at info@raisingreaders.org