

Frequently Asked Questions

Ready 2 Read Books from Birth

Who is eligible to receive free books? This program is open to all children who reside either full-time or part-time at an address within Prince George's County, Maryland. Children must be 4 years and 11 months old or younger to qualify. Any child older than 4 years and 11 months at the time of registration is not eligible for the program.

How can I register my child to receive free books? Visit pgcmls.info/freebooks and fill out the online form on that page.

Can I register my niece, nephew, grandchild, etc., even though I am not their parent or guardian? No. You must be the child's parent or legal guardian to register them for this program.

How will my child receive their books? All books will be delivered to the address you provided us at registration by the U.S. Postal Service. If the book does not fit in your mailbox or the post office is unable to deliver your book for any other reason, you will be left specific instructions on how to retrieve your books from your local post office. If you believe that you are having issues with your delivery please confirm that you have the correct address listed in your account information and then contact the post office closest to your mailing address. The Library is not responsible for lost or stolen packages and will only distribute books once a month.

What happens if I move? If you move, please log into your account to change the primary address you have listed in your account. Please keep in mind if you move outside of Prince George's County, MD, you will no longer be eligible to receive books. Please allow up to 30 days for changes to your account to take effect.

When will my child stop receiving books? Upon turning 5 years of age, your child will stop receiving his/her monthly book. In addition, if your child moves to an address outside of Prince George's County, they will no longer be eligible to receive books.

What if I have more than one child who is eligible? As long as your children are under the age of 4 years and 11 months and live in Prince George's County, they are eligible for the program. Regardless of the amount of eligible children in your household, every eligible child will receive their own book each month.

What kinds of books will you be sending? Children will receive books that are appropriate for their age. Books are selected by professionals who choose books that reflect a diversity of people and cultures and that promote self-esteem and a love of reading.

Is there a registration deadline? No. Registration is ongoing. However, please keep in mind that only children ages birth to 4 years and 11 months old are eligible to receive books. If your child is older than 4 years and 11 months at the time of registration, they will not be eligible for the program.

What can I do if my child is NOT eligible for the program? If your child is too old or does not live in Prince George's County, there are still plenty of ways that you can use your local library to help your child become a better and more active reader. The Library has [programming for school aged children](#) and [Storytimes](#) for children from birth-5 years old.

What if I no longer want my child to receive free books? If you no longer want to receive books, you can log into to your account and select to discontinue your book delivery at any time.

What do I do when I'm done with my books? We believe these books have great value. Many times children will want to read books over and over again before completely moving on from them. Books also find value when passed along to family and friends. If you want to donate your books once you are done with them, please visit [this site for more information](#).

Thank you! If you have any other questions, you may contact Books-From-Birth@pgcmls.info