



**W**elcome to the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program! This free program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she enters school. One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. Reading together helps develop important pre-reading skills that are key to school and learning success. Plus, sharing stories together is fun!

**It is easy to participate!**

1. Read together.
2. Mark off a circle on your reading log for each book you read. If you read a book more than once, you can record it each time. Books read to your child at library storytime, at daycare or by others also count!
3. Each time you read 100 books, bring your reading record to the library to receive a special reward. Take home a new reading record for your next 100 books. Share your favorite books with your librarian – we like to know what you liked!
4. Repeat steps 1-3 and receive a new reading log at each level. Each log also includes early literacy tips and activity suggestions to help you share the love of reading with your child!
5. After finishing 1,000 books, your child will receive a bookbag, a prize book of their choice, and will have an awesome jumpstart on success in school.

Singing songs, saying rhymes, telling stories, and playing with your child are all great ways to build their literacy skills. Visit the library often for free programs that are fun and educational for your little one and to find great books to share with your child.

One thousand books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book a night, you'll meet your goal in less than 3 years. If you read three books a night, you could reach your goal in just one year! Ask our friendly staff for suggestions—we're here to help you on your journey to 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

Happy reading!