What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a program designed to help parents prepare their children for one of life’s big milestones: kindergarten. Research has shown that children get ready to read long before they enter school. An excellent way to get your child ready to learn is to read to them.

Why should your family participate in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

Love of Reading

Reading with your child and making it a special time together shows them that reading is valuable and enjoyable. You can start to develop a love of reading in your child from a very young age!

FAQ

Who can participate in this program?

Any child who has not yet entered kindergarten.

Can you really expect to read 1,000 books to your child before kindergarten?

Yes! Completion will take from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read.

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What books count?

Any time your child listens to a whole book it counts! It can be a library book, a book from home, a book read at storytime, even an audiobook or e-book. You can even count multiple readings of the same book. Multiple readings help to develop language skills.

How do I register my child?

Stop by the Youth Services desk to sign up and get your first book log.
Ready to Read

You are your child’s first teacher and your home is where your child begins to learn. When you talk, sing, read, write, and play you are helping your child get ready to read!

Children who are read to at an early age will:

- be better prepared to learn to read
- have heard more than 30 million words by age three
- have a significantly larger vocabulary by age six, dramatically impacting reading success
- score higher on reading, math, and general knowledge tests

“Reading aloud to a child is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading.”

-U.S Department of Education, Becoming a Nation of Readers

Appreciation for the Library

By coming to the library together you can show your child how the library works, help them gain an appreciation for the wide range of materials available and get recommendations for books that can broaden your child’s interests.

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