

# **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**

## ***One book at a time!***



***The goal of this program is to help children enter school ready to learn.***

Reading is one of the most important things you can do to ensure your child's success when they begin school. Reading builds vocabulary, listening and language skills. Reading and cuddling with your baby, toddler or preschooler develops a special bond, providing your child with feelings of comfort and trust and instilling in them a love of books.

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### **How the Program Works**

1. Register your child/children in the library or online through the children's page of the library's website ([jeaneslibrary.org](http://jeaneslibrary.org)). If you choose to register online, you may either download the logs or come into the library to receive a loose-leaf binder with the log, reading lists and a FREE book. Those registering in the library will receive a binder upon registration.
2. When you (any caregiver or older sibling) finishes reading a book to your child, fill in or "X" a book on the log. If you read a book 5 times, count 5 books. Repetition helps children learn!
3. Don't feel rushed. Read at your and your child's own pace and enjoy the experience. The completion date is anytime before your child enters kindergarten.
4. Books do not have to be library books, but we encourage you to borrow from the library. Variety is important, especially as your child gets older. It exposes your child to more vocabulary words and reading styles. It broadens your child's exposure to life outside of his/her small world.
5. "Books" may include some e-books and audiobooks. E-books are available on the library's website through TumbleBooks and BookFLIX. Audiobooks are available at the library.
6. Bring in the log for these milestone rewards:
  - Every 100 books = sticker for the log and one for your child
  - 500 books = free paperback book and the stickers
  - 1,000 books = gift from our treasure box and a certificate. A book will be added to the library's collection in your child's honor. A bookplate will commemorate that accomplishment.

Once you have read 1,000 books you have completed the program. But don't stop there...continue to share and enjoy reading together.

**If 1,000 books sounds overwhelming, don't worry:**

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

Age when starting program	# books you will need to read <b>each day</b>	# books you will need to read <b>each week</b>
0 years old	1	4
1 year old	1	5
2 years old	1	7
3 years old	2	10
4 years old	3	20

**Suggestions**

1. Have your child sit on your lap or next to you when you read.
2. Read with expression, using different voices as appropriate for the characters. Make up some sound effects, too, to add to the fun.
3. Talk about the book – the pictures and the story – before, during and after reading it. Ask your toddler to point to various things on the page or ask short, simple questions like “Which is the red truck?” “How many flowers do you see?” Ask older children open-ended questions such as “What do you think this will be about?” “What do you think he is going to do?” “What did you like about the book?”
4. Your child should have plenty of time to “read” books by him/herself. When reading together, show your child how the pages are turned from front to back. Help him/her to know that print goes from left to right by occasionally using your finger to point along the words as you read.
5. Don't force reading time. You want it to be a fun time for both of you.
6. Try reading 2 different stories each day: a favorite one and a new one.