



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for participating in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, a free program that encourages you to read one thousand books with your child before he or she begins kindergarten.

THE GOAL

The concept is simple, but the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, or toddler. The goal is to read **1,000 books** (yes, you can repeat books!) before your child starts kindergarten.

Sound hard? Not really if you think about it: If you read just **1** book a night, you will have read **365** books in one year—that's **730** books in two years and **1,095** books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at five, you have more time than you think!

GET STARTED

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a self-paced program that has no end date except your child starting school. You decide how often and how long you read. The key is perseverance! Celebrate milestones with us at the library as you make progress, and above all, read and enjoy with your child.

1. Start logging the books you read with your child on the log sheet in this folder, or use the free **1000 Books Before Kindergarten App** on your smart phone. You can log any book read to your child—that includes books read by siblings, teachers, and librarians, as well as re-reads of favorite stories.
2. At every **100** book milestone, bring your log in to the library. We will celebrate your child's success and hand out a milestone sticker and a log sheet for the next 100 books.
3. When your child reaches **1,000** books, he or she will receive a certificate of achievement and his or her very own 1000 Books Before Kindergarten book bag.

RESOURCES

Visit sclibrary.org/1000-books to learn more about the program, download log sheets and the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten App, and to access booklists and early literacy resources for parents.