



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 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

1,000 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 **Read Squared 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 they will receive a sticker and a log sheet for the next 100 books. We will also take their picture for our social media pages (with your permission).
3. When your child reaches **1,000** books, she or he will receive a certificate of achievement, a sticker, a book, and a book bag.

Resources

Visit <http://www.ledyard.lioninc.org/children/1000-books-before-kindergarten/> to learn more about the program, download log sheets and the Read Squared App, and to access booklists and early literacy resources for parents.

Happy Reading!



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