



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free program that encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she enters 5-year old Kindergarten – a goal which will help your child learn to read for themselves. Any child from birth until they enter kindergarten can join in. Just set aside dedicated time each day to read a book, any book (and yes, you can reread those favorite stories), to your newborn, infant, or toddler, toward the goal of reading 1,000 books together before kindergarten.

Research demonstrates that young children who are read to on a regular basis have an advantage when learning to read for themselves. Reading together builds closeness and early literacy skills, which are the foundations for school success. Reading 1,000 books sounds like a lot, but it's easier to accomplish than you think. If you read only one book at bedtime every night for three years. You will have read 1,095 books! If you read three books a day, you'll read 1,095 books in only one year.

How to participate:

- Stop in the Cedar Grove Public Library to register and receive the reading log.
- Read with your child and fill in the reading log.
- For every 100 books that your finish, bring your sheet to the library and:
 - Receive a sticker for your child to wear or take home
 - Place a sticker on our display wall in the library
 - Collect your next log sheet.

Children who read 1,000 books before kindergarten receive an award certificate, a stuffed animal, and a book to take home. Their picture will also be displayed on our 1,000 Books wall and in the Lakeshore Weekly Newspaper.