

# Dear Parents,

On behalf of the 1000 Books Foundation and the Branch District Library, we welcome you to this free program that encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before Kindergarten.

The concept is simple and the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book!) to your newborn, infant, or toddler. The goal is to have read 1000 books (and oh yes, repeated books count!) before your child starts Kindergarten.

It's less difficult than it sounds! If you read 1 book a night, you'll be done in less than three years. If you read three books a night, you'll be done in less than a year! If you consider that most children start Kindergarten around age 5, you have plenty of time! To make things exciting, your child will receive rewards from the library when they reach their milestones.



## How to Participate:

All you have to do is read! Studies have shown that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for bonding. Reading together is fun and will create life-long memories for both of you. Keep track of what you've read online through Beanstack ([www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/beanstack](http://www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/beanstack)) Beanstack is an online reading tracker and is also available as an app on your smartphone. You can also use paper reading trackers provided by the library.



### Rewards:

On their way to 1000 Books before Kindergarten, your child will earn fun prizes, including: books, pencils, stickers, & candy! Once they reach their goal of 1000 books your little one can celebrate their HUGE accomplishment alongside other 1000 Books Before Kindergarten readers at their very own Graduation Ceremony!



# FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

Other questions?  
Contact Jessica Tefft,  
Director of Public Services at  
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Who can participate in this program?

ANY child from birth until Kindergarten can participate in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

How long will the program take place?

The program is self-paced and length will depend on how often you read together. The library will be offering this indefinitely.

How many of my children can participate?

All of them, as long as they haven't started Kindergarten. Make it even more fun by reading as a family.

How do I turn in the completed program?

Bring your completed log sheets to your local branch, log online using Beanstack, or on your smartphone with the Beanstack app!

Check out these great titles to jumpstart early literacy!  
Find them in our catalog  
([www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/catalog](http://www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/catalog)) today!

