Fun Incentives!

After every 100 books read add a leaf with your name to our book tree!



After reading 100 books



After reading 500 books



Upon completing the program, your child will receive a backpack filled with markers, crayons, glue, pencils, scissors, notebook, supply box

and stickers.

Can I really expect to read 1,000 books to my child before kindergarten?

Yes! Completion can take anywhere from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read. Check the guide below for how many books you can expect to read per week based on the age of your child

Child's age when the program is started.	Number of books read per week to complete before kindergarten
Birth	4
One	5
Two	7
Three	10
Four	20







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Library Winter Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8am - 4pm Tuesday and Thursday - 8am - 7pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm

Program Overview

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant and/or toddler. The goal is to read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your child starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Consider this; if you read just 1 book a night, that's 365 books a year, 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think. The key is perseverance. Make it exciting. When your child reaches a milestone, give him/her a small reward (stickers, backpacks, books).

How to Participate

Read with your child. 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 the both of you. Keep track of the titles of the books that you read with your child. Make a record of what you are reading in a spiral notebook, on our convenient reading log sheets, online, or by whatever method you want. The journal itself will make a great keepsake item for your child. If you are able to, make sure to keep a record of "any" book that is being read to your child. This includes teachers and siblings.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can participate in this program? Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate in the 1.000 Books Before Kindergarten program. How long will the program take? The program will take anywhere from a few months to a few years. The program is selfpaced and will depend on how often you read together. How many of my children can participate? All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten. Make it more fun and read as a family!