



Welcome families!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a fun, exciting, and free program that encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before beginning Kindergarten. Spending time together reading each day with your child helps him or her develop important pre-reading skills. This program is for children ages 0 to 5 years. It's easy to sign up and comes with fun incentives, too!

Here's how it works:

1. Register by signing up at the library or online. Pick up your 1000 Books folder at the library by going to the front desk.
2. Write down the titles of each book you read with your child on their reading log. If you read a book more than once, record it each time as long as your child listens to the entire book!
3. Each time you read 100 books, stop by the library to pick up your child's next log and activity packet.
 - An activity packet contains:
 - The next reading log
 - An activity sheet
 - 2 sets of Memory cards (Collect these to complete the full game of Memory.)
 - When you reach 500 books, you will also receive a coloring book with crayons.
4. Once you reach 1000 books, you will receive:
 - A certificate of completion
 - A free book
 - A reusable tote bag
 - A \$10 gift card to Café 31 located at the library
 - Your child's picture and name in the newspaper
5. After finishing your 1000 books, don't stop there! Keep reading together to help your child grow as a learner!

Don't forget to visit the library often to check out our wonderful selection of books available! Join us for story times on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30am for ages 0-5. Please stop by the library, visit our website, or call us at 615-672-0239 if you have any questions.

Happy Reading!



Frequently Asked Questions

How long does it take to reach 1000 books?

1 book a day = 3 years | 2 books a day = 1.5 years | 3 books a day = 1 year

Do we have to read books from White House Public Library?

No, you can read books from anywhere-home, the doctor's office, other libraries, a family member's house, etc.

Are we allowed to read the same book over and over?

Yes, write down the title every time you read the book.

I have more than 1 child I read to. Can I count the same title for each child?

Yes, just write it down on each participating child's log. If you have older children who read to their younger siblings, those books can count, too, as long as your child listens to the entire book.

Do books read at story time, daycare, preschool, etc. count?

Yes! Please be aware that sometimes back-up stories not listed on the newsletter are read during story time. Check with your child's teacher for the titles of books read at daycare, preschool, etc.

My child has an electronic game (or a computer game) that reads the story out loud. Can I count that?

As long as your child listens to the entire story. Please do not count it if he or she just plays a game.

What if my child listens to a book on CD? Can I add that to the reading log?

Sure, as long as your child listens to the entire story.

My child "reads" books to him/herself. Should I count these?

If your child is only pretending to read, you should not count it. If your child has memorized a book you read together frequently and can read it to him/herself, then go ahead and count it.

Besides books and audio books, what else does the library offer that my child can listen to or read?

- *Playaway Launchpads: a tablet with pre-loaded games and stories
- *Playaway Bookpacks: a combo pack that comes with books as well as an MP3 player audio book that allows children to read along while listening to the audio
- *TN Reads: offers eBooks and audio books available for download as long as you have an up-to-date library card
- *ABC Mouse: an educational website that offers games, activities, and stories for children as old as 1st grade (available on the library's computers)
- *3 AWE Computers: located in the Kids' area, pre-loaded with games, stories, and activities for children

