

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-your home, the doctor's office, other libraries, a family member or friend's house, etc.

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

Yes, write down the title each and 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, you can as long as it is written on each participating child's reading 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, you can count it. 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 Bookpacs: 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; 2 are geared for children up to age 5 and 1 is geared for children as old as 3rd grade.

