



Valley Cottage Library 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

What is it?

The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program promotes reading to newborns, infants, toddlers, and preschool children. The goal of the program is to have read 1000 books before your child starts kindergarten. This may sound like a lot of books, but if you read just 1 book a night you will have read 365 books in a year. After three years you would have already read 1095 books! Considering most children do not start kindergarten until they are around 5 years old you have plenty of time!

Reading together is one of the strongest foundations of Early Literacy you can give to your child. By reading with you, they will learn to love reading, be introduced to new stories, and hear thousands of vocabulary words. It is the most important thing you can do to prepare your child for Kindergarten.

How to Participate

Young children and their families keep track of their reading with reading records provided by the library. After reading a book, circle one of the pictures on your reading record. You can read the same book more than once, and books read at storytime or pre-school count as well.

After completing your first reading record of 100 books you can bring it back to the Children's Department. Your child will receive a great prize! Then you will receive your next reading record to continue with the program.

After completing 500 books, your family will earn another cool prize. You will earn the final prize when your family has completed the program by reading 1000 books!

We hope the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program will be an enjoyable experience for you and your child and will encourage a life-long love of reading!

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