



Welcome to the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program!

This **free** program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she starts kindergarten. Studies show that children should hear at least 1,000 books from birth to age 5 to build the pre-reading skills they need to succeed in school.

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your child. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your child starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in 2 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 (so get started).

Here is how the program works at the Sherrard Public Library District:

- Read with your child. Reading with your child provides a great opportunity for **bonding** and is fun.
- Write down the titles of the books you read on the reading log sheets. You can pick up additional sheets at the library or print them from our website. Make sure to keep a **record** of "any" book that is being read to your child. This includes teachers and siblings.

Each time you reach 100 titles, stop in the library for these rewards:

- **100 books** = a sticker
- **200 books** = temporary tattoo
- **300 books** = small eraser
- **400 books** = book mark
- **500 books** = pencil & pencil topper
- **600 books** = sticky toy
- **700 books** = bubbles
- **800 books** = crayons
- **900 books** = rubber duck

After reading **1,000 books**, bring your reading log into the library and receive a diploma and a free book!

The only deadline for this program is when your child starts kindergarten, so take your time and enjoy the experience. Let the library help you get a jump-start on your child's success in school. Stop in often to check out books, attend free programs, and get reading suggestions.

Happy reading!



Here are the reading logs for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. Click on the numbered log you need and print. You can also stop by the library and pick up a hard copy.

Reading Logs

- [1-100](#)
- [101-200](#)
- [201-300](#)
- [301-400](#)
- [401-500](#)
- [501-600](#)
- [601-700](#)
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