



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Dodgeville Public Library

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Welcome! You are joining a program that helps your preschooler journey through many pages as you assist your child in becoming a life long reader.

When you enroll your child in this program you will receive a reading log sheet to record the titles as they are read.

Let's begin:

1. Enroll your child in the program, receive a reading log sheet to record the titles.
2. After each set of 100 books is read and recorded, bring your log sheet back to the library and show a staff member at the check out desk. The staff member will add your reading log sheet in the binder.
3. The staff member will have your child color a leaf on your binder sheet, put the child's first name on the leaf and put it on our *Thousand Books* tree. You will also be given the next reading log sheet and a book bag for toting all of those wonderful books.
4. When you and your child have read and recorded your 1,000th book you and your child will select a book to add to your personal home library.


Frequent questions:

1000 books is a lot! Can I really read 1000 books to my child before Kindergarten?

If you read only one bedtime story every night for three years you will have read 1095.

If you read 10 books each week for two years, you will have read 1040.

Double that rate to do 1000 books in one year.

 You can begin much earlier though, when your child is an infant.

Do we have to read books from the Dodgeville Public Library?

No, you can read books from anywhere—your home, preschool, grandparents and other libraries. We also hope that you will find some great books at the library too.

My child likes to read the same story every night. Can I count that book more than once?

Yes, write down the title each time you read the book. Someday your child will read you the story.

If I have more than one child, may I count the same title for each child?

Sure, and older children can read to their siblings.

Can the books read at Drop-In Storytime, Registered Storytime, Summer Reading Club and preschool count?

Yes, you can count those too.

Sometimes my child listens to a book on CD. Can I count this on the list?

Yes, so long as she listens to the entire story.

**Many of the tips that you will read throughout this program are taken from the Get Ready to Read website (<http://www.getreadytoread.org/early-learning-childhood-basics/early-childhood/tips-for-parents-of-preschoolers>).

