

Program for young children!

**Drop-In Storytime on
Mondays at 10:15**

This program is for young children and parents or caregivers

February—April

June—July

September—December

Look for other programming information
<https://.dodgevillelibrary.com/calendar/events>

Watch for our Summer Reading Program/Challenge!
All ages participate and continue the fun.

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Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00-6:00
Saturday 9:00-Noon



How the Program Works Using Beanstack Tracker App or Online

App or online

1. Download Beanstack Tracker App or visit <https://dodgevillelibrary.beanstack.org>.
2. Search for Dodgeville Public Library's location.
3. Select 1,000 Books before Kindergarten reading challenge program.
4. To register, just create an account for your family starting with yourself. Be sure to add your children as a reader and set their grade level to "Babies and Toddlers" or "Preschoolers."
5. Stop by the library and pick up a wonderful 1,000 Books before Kindergarten Badge Book.
6. Log each book you and your child read together on Beanstack and earn badges as you progress.
7. When you've read 100 books, come to the library to receive a free backpack.
8. When you've read 1,000 books, come to the library to receive a free book and graduation certificate.
9. Families can also elect to have a picture taken of the graduating child to post on the library's Facebook page.

Paper

1. To register, stop by the library and pick up a registration form.
2. Once you have registered, you'll receive paper reading logs and a 1,000 Books before Kindergarten Badge Book.
3. Each time you read a book, color a circle.
4. Turn in your paper reading log at the library as you progress in the challenge.
5. Once you've read 100 books, come to the library to receive a free backpack.
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Program Overview

"Experts tell us that children need to hear a thousand stories read aloud before they begin to learn to read for themselves." – Mem Fox, *Reading Magic*

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is available to all families with children between the ages of birth through five years. Does it sound hard? It isn't, really. 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 3 years! If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think!

Early literacy is a key building block to your little one's academic success and reading together is one of the best ways to help them become a lifelong reader. Whether you read at bedtime, during family bonding time, or come to your library's Storytime, every story counts!

What if my child wants to read the same book over and over?

Repetition is key to learning. Each time you read a book, it counts. If you read the same book 5 times, log 5 books or color 5 circles.

Do I have to read books from the Library?

You can read books from anywhere, in any language.

Can I log books my child hears in Storytime or daycare?

Yes! Any and every book your child hears counts for this program!

Register and Receive



Badge Books

- 100+ child-friendly stickers for tracking progress
- Use the app in conjunction with the book for easy tracking
- Free app that saves a visual library of all the books you read together
- Guided activities
- Genre and game suggestions
- A full list of 1000 quality titles, sorted by age and interest
- Spiral binding allows the book to lay flat
- As children hit their reading goals, they get rewarded with stickers and activities



Read 100 books and receive a backpack.



Read 1000 books and select a book for your home library. Have your picture taken and receive a certificate. Families can also elect to have a picture taken of the graduating child to post on the library's Facebook page.

Continue participating in our reading programs during the summer!