

## How It Works

### 1 Register

At the library or online at [mcfarlandlibrary.beanstack.org](http://mcfarlandlibrary.beanstack.org) or the Beanstack app.

### 2 Pick up Badgebook

Stop by the library after registering to pick up your badge book which you can use with the Beanstack app to track reading and activities.

### 3 Log Books

Every Book Counts! Even if your child wants to hear the same book again and again, you can count it each time. You can also count the books your child hears in storytime, in daycare or preschool, etc...

### 4 Reach 1,000 Books

You did it! Come celebrate at the library. Your child will receive a free book and certificate of completion.

### 5 Keep on Reading

Don't stop at 1,000! Keep on reading together; there's more learning ahead!

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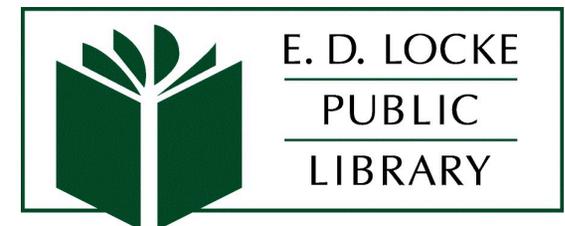
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# 1,000 BOOKS before kindergarten

## What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free nationwide program that encourages parents and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their child before they enter kindergarten.

Research shows that sharing books, conversations, and songs with young children builds language skills. This type of sharing contributes to children's healthy development, encourages parent and child bonding, provides skills children need to succeed in school and helps assure they become lifelong lovers of books.

## Ready to Read

You are your child's first teacher and your home is where your child begins to learn. When you talk, sing, read, write, and play you are helping your child get ready to read!

## FAQ

### Who can participate? ★

Any child that has not yet entered Kindergarten.

### How do I register? ★

You can sign up online at [mcfarlandlibrary.beanstack.com](http://mcfarlandlibrary.beanstack.com), through the Beanstack app, or stop by any service desk to sign up.

Each registrant will receive a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten badgebook to use with Beanstack to track books and activities.



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### What books count? ★

Any time your child listens to a book it counts! It can be a library book, a book from home, a book read at storytime, or even an audiobook or e-book. You can count multiple readings of the same book, too! Multiple readings help develop language skills.

## Can you really expect to read 1000 books to your child before Kindergarten? ★

Yes! Completion will take from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read.

Child's age when 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is started	Number of books read per day to complete 1000 Books Before Kindergarten	Number of books read per week to complete 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
0 years old	1	4
1 year old	1	5
2 years old	1	7
3 years old	2	10
4 years old	3	20

*"Reading aloud is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading."*

*- U.S. Department of Education, Becoming a Nation of Readers*