

LET'S GET STARTED!

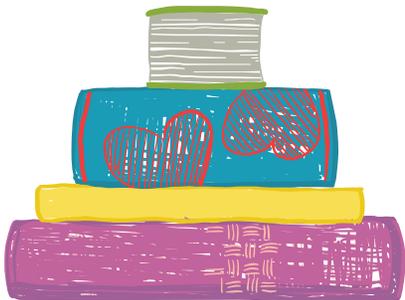
SIGN UP AT THE YOUTH SERVICES DESK and you'll receive your first reading log.

MARK A SPACE ON YOUR READING LOG for every book read or record the titles using the 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN APP.

REPETITION IS IMPORTANT for your child's development, so feel free to record the same books again and again.

BRING YOUR READING LOG TO THE LIBRARY OR SHOW THE APP ON YOUR DEVICE to a Youth Services Librarian to start redeeming prizes.

PRIZES MAY BE REDEEMED AFTER 250, 500, 750 AND 1,000 BOOKS. Prizes are awarded until you reach 1,000 books or September 30th of your child's Kindergarten year.



OUR THANKS

We want to give a huge thank you to the Bob and Jean Kelly Endowment fund for sponsoring this program and promoting early literacy!



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WELCOME

To **1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN!**
We are excited to offer this free program that encourages reading and helps prepare your child for kindergarten. *A big thank you to the Bob and Jean Kelly Endowment for making this early literacy initiative a possibility.*

THE GOAL IS TO SHARE 1,000 BOOKS together before your child starts kindergarten.

YOU CAN:

- SING A BOOK
- TALK ABOUT THE PICTURES
- MOVE ON BEFORE THE END OF THE BOOK
- READ IT COVER TO COVER
- READ ALOUD WHILE YOUR CHILD PLAYS NEARBY

or enjoy a book *any other way* that works best for you and your child.

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE books you repeat and books you hear in story time!

JUST THREE
BOOKS A DAY IS
1,095 BOOKS
IN ONE YEAR!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any child from birth until he or she has entered kindergarten can participate.



GRANDMA, BABYSITTER, ETC. READS TO MY CHILD. DOES THAT COUNT?

Yes! Any books shared between a caregiver and a child count. If your child is ready to read on their own, those books count, too.



DOES DIGITAL CONTENT (TUMBLEBOOKS, BOOK APP, EBOOKS) COUNT?

Digital stories can be counted. *Some digital content is more of an activity or game rather than a story to be read. Those fall outside of the goals of this program.*



WHAT IF WE DON'T FINISH THE BOOK? DOES IT STILL COUNT?

Yes! Each child has a different attention span and not all books will interest all readers. Sharing books together is about bonding, book awareness, vocabulary, and play. Reading aloud to a child, whether they are sitting in your lap or playing nearby, builds literacy and vocabulary skills as they hear new words.

HOW LONG DOES THE PROGRAM LAST?

Anywhere from a few months to a few years. It is self-paced and depends on how often you read together.

HOW MANY OF MY CHILDREN CAN PARTICIPATE?

All of your children, provided they have not yet entered kindergarten, can participate.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

READING TO YOUR CHILD AT AN EARLY AGE:

- Improves vocabulary and other pre-reading skills, giving them a solid reading foundation.
- Prepares them for kindergarten and beyond, especially the more you read to them.
- Provides a special bonding time for you and your child that encourages them to enjoy reading and have fun with books!