

## What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

A year-round reading program designed to help caregivers prepare their children for school. Research has shown that children get ready to read years before they begin their formal education. An excellent way to get your child ready to learn is to read to them.

## Who can participate?

Any child who has not yet entered kindergarten.

## How do we participate?

**READ!** Get started by registering for the Beanstack 1,000 Books program to log each book you read with your child. There is a link to the Beanstack page on our website. If you prefer to keep track on a physical reading log, you can pick them up at the Library anytime or print them out through the link on the website.

**RETURN** to the library each time you reach a 100-book milestone. Your child will receive a milestone sticker and her/his name will be placed on the 1,000 Book Wall Tree in the children's area. In addition, he/she will receive a FREE book prize once you reach 500 and 1,000 book milestones.

**REPEAT** until you reach 1,000 books and beyond!

## Why participate?

### Love of Reading

Reading with your child and making it a special time together shows them that reading is enjoyable and valuable. You can start to develop a love of reading in your child from a very young age.

### 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!

### School Readiness

The best way to prepare your children for school is to set a good example by getting into the habit of reading.

## Is it possible to read 1,000 books?

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

1 book a day for 3 years = 1095 books

10 books a week for 2 years = 1040 books

3 books a day for 1 year = 1095 books