

FAQ

Who can participate in the program?

Any child from birth until he/she enters kindergarten can participate in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

How long will this program take?

The program can take anywhere from a few months to a few years. This program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read to your child.

How many of my children can participate in the program?

All of them (provided they haven't started kindergarten yet). Read together as a family to make the experience even more fun!



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JOSEPH T. SIMPSON PUBLIC LIBRARY



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**Books Before
Kindergarten**

Mission: Joseph T. Simpson Public Library is a community center for learning and leisure.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



The concept is very simple! Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal of this program is to read 1000 books before your child starts kindergarten.

Sounds kind of challenging, doesn't it? It really isn't! If you read just one book a night for a whole year, then you would have read a total of 365 books. That is 730 books in two years, and 1095 books in three years. If you take into account that most children start kindergarten at around age five, you will have more time than you think!

Make reading time exciting! When your child has reached a milestone, mark it with a sticker from the library.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE



Register at the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library and pick up your reading log.

Track your reading - Each time you read a book with your child, fill a circle in the log.

Show us your reading logs - Each time you reach an increment of 100 books, bring in your reading log for a "We've reached 100 books" sticker.

Read more books! When you reach 1000 books, your child will receive a book and a certificate of completion. We will place a book plate in a new children's book that lists your child's name in recognition of completing this program!

GETTING STARTED

Here are a few books for you and your child to read to kickstart your 1000 books journey!

Campbell, Rod: *Dear Zoo*

Carle, Eric: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

Flack, Marjorie: *Ask Mr. Bear*

Freeman, Don: *Corduroy*

Hill, Eric: *Spot's First Walk*

Lionni, Leo: *Little Blue and Little Yellow*

Eastman, P.D.: *Are You My Mother?*

Seuss, Dr.: *Green Eggs and Ham*

