



1000 BOOKS

before kindergarten



Join **1000 Books Before Kindergarten at the South Country Library** and give your child the opportunity to feel proud of a huge accomplishment! You'll also make sure they are as ready as they can be for one of the biggest moments of their little life — starting school.

Who can join?

Your child from 0-5 years old.

What is the program?

You and your child read together with the goal of reading 1000 books before they enter kindergarten. If that sounds overwhelming, we promise, it's not as hard as you think!

Where does the program take place?

Read to your child at home, at the library, on the go, or wherever you want. Storytimes at the library count!

When do I sign up?

You can sign your child up any time! Stop by the Children's Department to sign up.

How do I keep track of the books?

Once you sign up you will receive the first of ten different tracking bookmarks. For every book you and your child read, color in a star. Once you've filled in all the stars, bring the bookmark back to the library and get a prize, and your next bookmark. After you return 10 bookmarks, you and your child will have read 1000 books!

Why should I join?

The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is a simple and manageable endeavor for parents and caregivers that encourages academic success and school readiness. This challenge shows kids that reading is fun, encourages bonding with the parent/caregiver, and gives your child the opportunity to feel proud of an accomplishment they have achieved.

Does reading 1000 books sound totally overwhelming? We promise, it's not as hard as you think...

If you read 1 book a day, you will have read 365 books per year. That's 730 books in 2 years, and 1,095 books in 3 years. Most kids start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, so you have more than enough time to get started!

Go to the Children's Desk to sign-up & get a registration gift!
Questions? Call 631-286-0818 x 2 or ask a Children's Librarian.