### **FAQ**

### Who can participate?

Any child, birth-5 years, who has not yet entered Kindergarten may participate in the program.

### When can we sign up?

Anytime! This is a year-round program.

#### What books count?

Books from home, books from the library, books read during storytime, etc.

Audiobooks count too!

### Can I count books we read before starting the program?

No - you start fresh when you start the program.

### How do we sign up?

See a staff member at the reference desk, or visit metrolibrary.org.

### What prizes will we earn?

Your child will receive a special sticker for every 100 books they read. At 500 books, they will receive a stuffed reading buddy plush and a certificate. At 1000 books, they will receive a themed tote bag and a certificate.



For more information or to sign up, please call (405) 231-8650 or visit metrolibrary.org/1000books

### Connect with us!



## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten





## What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?

1,000 Books Before
Kindergarten is a program
designed to help parents
prepare their children for one
of life's big milestones:
kindergarten. Research has
shown that children get ready
to read long before they enter
school. An excellent way to get
your child ready to learn is to

# Why should your family participate in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

### **Love of Reading**

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

"Reading aloud to a child 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



Child's age when 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is started	Number of books read per day to complete 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Number of books read per week to complete 1,000 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

#### 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!

"Children need to hear
a thousand stories before
they can begin to learn to
read. Or the same story a
thousand times!"
- Mem Fox

### **Appreciation for the Library**

By coming to the library together you can show your child how the library works, help them gain an appreciation for the wide range of materials available and get recommendations for books that can broaden your child's interests.