Welcome to 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Club!

This **free** program encourages you to read **1000 books** with your child before he or she enters school – a goal experts say children need to help them learn to read for themselves. One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. Reading together helps develop important pre-reading skills that provide a solid reading foundation – a key to school and learning success. Plus, sharing stories together is fun!

Here are the easy steps for participation:

1. **Read together**

2. Write the titles on your "I'm on my way to 1,000 books" reading log. If you read a book more than once, you can record it each time. Books read at library story time, at daycare or by others to your child also count!

 3. When you finish **100** books, bring your reading log to the library and receive a sticker for reaching the first level. Place a colored dot on our 1,000 books Stack of Fame display. You can put your name, family name or initials on this dot.

4. Repeat steps 1-3 and receive a different sticker and colored dot at each level.

 5. After finishing **1000 books**, your child receives a book and a certificate, has his or her name placed on our 1000 Books Wall of Fame, and gets an awesome jumpstart on success in school.

This club has no end date except your child's going to school, so don't feel rushed -- just enjoy the experience! Take every chance you have to read with your children, tell and talk about stories, say nursery rhymes, sing songs, and attend library programs. By reading just three stories a day you and your child will have read over 1000 books in one year. The library is a fun place featuring books to check out, free programs and great suggestions for what to read. Stop in often and talk to our friendly staff – we are here to help. **Happy reading!**   *Thank you to the **Friends of Memorial Hall Library** for sponsoring this program!*

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