

What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a nationwide challenge to promote early childhood literacy!

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten.

Parents and caregivers can keep track of the books that they read to their children. Parents and caregivers can use log sheets, journals, or even the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten iPhone and Android App to track their reading.

This program help parents and caregivers give their young children the confidence necessary to become strong readers and to be successful in school and life.

FAQs:

How long will the challenge take to complete?

If you read just one books a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That's 730 books in a 2 years and 1095 books in three years. Read three books a day? You can complete the challenge in a year!

What are the benefits?

Reading aloud to children is one of the best ways to help them succeed academically and socially. It will help them become better readers, build their speech and language skills, expand their vocabulary, strengthen their listening skills, help them with grammar and correct sentence structure, build their attention spans, develop their imaginations and curiosity, teach them positive behaviors for dealing with various life situations, and give them positive attention that they crave. **Reading aloud to your child is the best way to prepare him or her for Kindergarten!**

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1. How to Get Started

- Stop by the library to sign up, or visit our website: hansonlibrary.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten/
- Once you've signed up, stop by the library for your 1000 Books Before Kindergarten tote and reading logs
- Track what your child is reading, either with the paper logs or the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Smart Phone App**
- Come by the library regularly for new books and to keep us updated on your progress!
- For every 100 book milestone your child will receive a prize!
- Upon completion of the program, your child will receive a certificate!



2. Tracking Your Books

- The easiest way to track your reading is with the **1000 Books Before Kindergarten App**
- Start by downloading the app from the Google Play or iTunes Store
- When you first open the app, click 'sign in' on the welcome screen. If you're new to the app, click 'sign up' to register for an account
- Once you've signed in or created an account, select 'add a reader.' You can add multiple readers and track multiple children's progress
- When it comes time to log your books, there are three ways to add a book
- First, you can **search for a book** by title, author, publisher, subject, ISBN
- Second, you can **scan** the ISBN barcode on the back of the book
- Third, you can **manually add** a book, by typing the title, author, or other information

3. What Should We Read?

- There are no rules about what you should or have to read with the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge!
- Rereading favorites is okay too!
- Still looking for suggestions? Here are a few of our favorites!

