

How will we read all those books?

Reading 1,000 books before your child enters kindergarten may sound difficult, but it's actually quite achievable!

If you read...

...1 book a day, it will take you about 3 years to reach the goal of 1,000 books.

...3 books a day, you'll finish in one short year!

...5 books a day means you could start in September and finish before the end of March. Try reading 2 books before naptime and 3 books at bedtime.

Read at *your own* pace, and enjoy the time together. Studies show that children who view reading as a pleasurable activity will work harder to learn to read, even if they face difficulties.



Tips for reading to your child

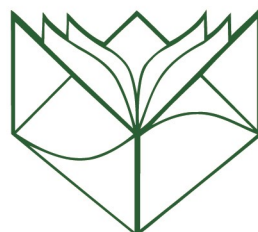
First and foremost, reading should be fun, so ...

- read books your child enjoys!
- read in the language you're most comfortable using.
- read widely! Try picture books, non-fiction, early readers, and children's magazines. Our Library has them all.
- let your child interrupt. Reading doesn't have to be a one-way street. Encourage questions and comments from your child.
- have fun yourself! Read with expression or use different voices for the characters.
- don't force it. If today isn't a good day to read together, then try again another time.

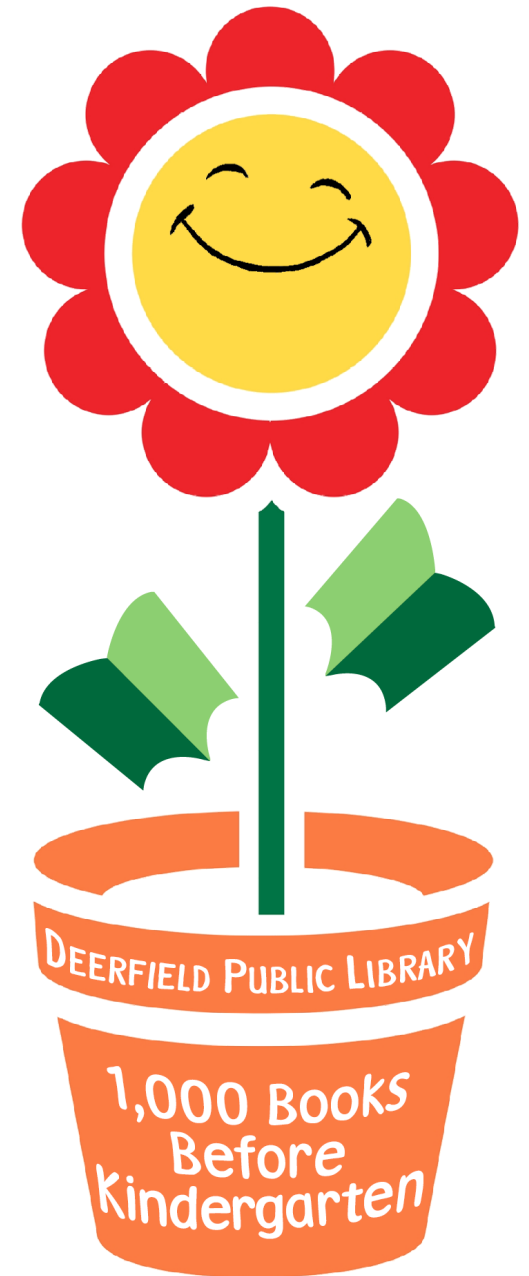
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What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

FAQ

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a program designed to help you raise a reader. Reading aloud to your child is the best way you can get your child ready to read. The idea is very straightforward: read any 1,000 books to your child before kindergarten begins.

- Any child from birth to Pre-K may register for the program.
- Stop by the Youth Services Desk to register and get a free tote bag, your child's log and a list of recommended books.
- For every book you read to your child, your child can color in a seed on the log sheet.
- After every 10 books read, choose a favorite title to record in the log.
- Finish 100 books? Come in for your next log and a small prize.
- Have you read 1,000 books to your child? Congratulations! Come in for an assortment of special prizes.

Q: My child loves to read the same book over and over. Is that okay?

A: Absolutely! Each time you read a book to your child, whether it's the same book over and over or different books each time, color in a seed on your log.

Q: My child heard 5 books at storytime today. Do those books count?

A: Any book counts, whether your child listens to it in storytime or preschool, at home or in the car. The books don't have to come from the Deerfield Library.

Q: I have more than one child. Can I count the same book for each of them?

A: Definitely!

Q: How do I know *which* books to read?

A: There is no set list of 1,000 books. Read whatever books your child likes! We are happy to help you find good books for your child, and each log sheet comes with a list of recommended titles to help you get started.

Q: What happens when we read 1,000 books?

A: Congratulations! You are raising a reader. Come in to the library to receive special prizes for your child AND for yourself! Together, you have reached this milestone!



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