1000 BOOKS
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Program Overview

How the program works:

- Any child from birth to entering Kindergarten is eligible to participate in the program
- Register online at pella.beanstack.com and/or download app Beanstack Tracker from the Apple or Google Play Stores
- After completing a badge, come to the library to receive a reading incentive and move your child's name across our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten progress board
- Those completing the 1000 books will be invited to our 1,001 Party

Why Register

- You are your child's first teacher, and the home is where your little ones begins to learn. Every time you sing, talk, read, write, and play with your child, you are helping them get ready to read.
- Developing literacy skills begins at birth and continues through the toddler and preschool years. The best way to ensure that a child has the skills necessary to learn to read is by reading aloud to them.
- Experts tell us that children need to hear a thousand stories read aloud before they begin to learn to read for themselves.
  -Mem Fox, author of Reading Magic

F.A.Q.

Help! I don't know which books to read.
Miss Katie, Youth Services Librarian,
will gladly help you pick out books.

What if my child wants to read the same books?
Repetition is the key to learning.
Each time your child reads a book it counts.
If you read the same book 5 times,
scan the book 5 times.

Do I have to read books just from the library?
You can read books from anywhere, not just from the library. As long as your child listens to the entire book, you may count it.
You can even listen to books audiobooks together.

Can I log the books my child hears in story time?
Yes. Any and every book your child hears counts for the program!

Can it be done?
Yes, it can!

1 story every day for 5 years = 1825 stories!
1 story every day for 4 years = 1460 stories!
1 story every day for 3 years = 1095 stories!
10 stories every week for 2 years = 1040 stories!
20 stories every week for 1 year = 1040 stories!

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