

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



“Reading aloud and talking about what we’re reading sharpens children’s brains.” ~Mem Fox



What: a program that encourages families to read 1,000 books to their child before they enter kindergarten

Who: any child from birth until they enter kindergarten are eligible to register

How: Register at oceancitylibrary.beanstack.org. Sign up for a Beanstack account. Then add your child to your account and register for our “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” challenge. Start logging the number of books you read!

Why: Reading books to young children builds language and other early literacy skills. Reading books together also creates a special bonding time between children and their parents / caregivers.

FAQs

What happens if we read the same book multiple times?

Every time a book is read to the child it counts! If you read one book ten times, then it counts for ten books.

How long will it take to reach 1,000 books?

The program is self-paced, so it depends on how often you read with your child. If you read 3 books a day, it will take under a year to reach the 1,000 book goal. If you read one book a day, it will take just under 3 years.

Reward Milestones

Receive a special reward after reaching these reading milestones with your child:

- 25 books	-500 books
-50 books	-600 books
-100 books	-700 books
-200 books	-800 books
-300 books	-900 books
-400 books	-1,000 books!!

Children who reach 1,000 books will also be recognized at our annual celebration!

Questions? Call the Children's Department - (609) 399-2434, ext. 5241