



Will you take up the challenge?
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Dear Parents/Caregivers:

On behalf of the 1,000 Books Foundation and Kaubisch Memorial Public Library, we invite you to participate in this **free** program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she starts kindergarten. This initiative is supported by the United Way Community Grant.

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your infant, toddler and/or preschooler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think (so get started).

Who can participate in this program? *Any child from birth through the end of preschool can participate in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.*

How long will the program take? *The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together. The program will take anywhere from a few months to a few years.*

How many of my children can participate? *All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten). Make it even more fun and read as a family!*

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Register at the library in the Youth Services Department starting January 17th, 2017 to receive the starter 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Bag. This includes suggested reading lists and the first reading log.
2. Pick out books to read with your child!
3. Read aloud to your child and use the reading log to keep track of what you read. Books read at the library, storytime, daycare centers and preschools may be counted.
4. Once you finish reading the first 100 books, come in with your reading log. You will receive your next reading log and a small incentive to keep on reading.
5. When you have read 1,000 books, you and your child will receive a special gift and a certificate of completion!

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