

How it Works

1 Register

Register at the Library or online at davenportlibrary.beanstack.com

2 Select books

Come to the library and check out books to read or read books from home!

3 Log books

Log your child's progress online with Beanstack or with the paper reading logs available at the Library or on our website. Books read during storytime, at daycare, or at preschool also count.

4 Collect Prizes!

At each milestone, your child will receive a prize:

- 100 books: Storytime at Home kit including a booklet of songs and rhymes, a scarf, and a shaker.
- 250 Books: One new book
- 500 Books: Mini pennant for child's room and their picture on a special display at the library
- 750 Books: One new book
- 1000 Books: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten t-shirt, the child's picture on display, and a personalized bookplate honoring their accomplishment inside their favorite library book.



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What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free nationwide program that encourages parents and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their child before they enter kindergarten.

Research shows that sharing books, conversations, and songs with young children builds language skills. This type of sharing contributes to children's healthy development, encourages parent and child bonding, provides skills children need to succeed in school and helps assure they become lifelong lovers of books.

Ready to Read

You are your child's first teacher and your home is where your child begins to learn. When you talk, sing, read, write, and play you are helping your child get ready to read!

FAQ

Who can participate? 🙌

Any child who has not yet entered kindergarten.

How do I register my child? 🙌

You can sign up online at davenportlibrary.beanstack.com or stop by any service desk to sign up.

Each registrant will receive a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten tote bag, a tracking log, book suggestions, and more!



What books count? 🙌

Any time your child listens to a book it counts! It can be a library book, a book from home, a book read at storytime, or even an audiobook or e-book. You can count multiple readings of the same book, too! Multiple readings help develop language skills.

Can you really expect to read 1000 books to your child before Kindergarten? 🙌

Yes! Completion will take from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read.

Child's age when 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is started	Number of books read per day to complete 1000 Books Before Kindergarten	Number of books read per week to complete 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
0 years old	1	4
1 year old	1	5
2 years old	1	7
3 years old	2	10
4 years old	3	20

Can my child finish early? 🙌

Yes! We love eager readers!

*"Reading aloud is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading."
- U.S. Department of Education,
Becoming a Nation of Readers*