



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

*Experts tell us that children need to hear a **thousand stories** read aloud before they begin to learn to read for themselves.*

—Mem Fox, Reading Magic

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1. **Register** at the Rockingham Free Public Library to receive your reading log.
2. For every book that you **read together** (repeat books count, too) color a star or cover it with a reading sticker.
3. After reading 100 books, come back to the Library for a special certificate. After reading 250 books, bring your log back to the Library and **win a free book** to help build your own book collection.
4. Each time you fill a reading log, **come back to the Library** to get a new one.
5. When you reach 1000 books, your child will receive a special certificate, a free book, and be added to the Rockingham Library's "**Reading Hall of Fame**"

READING SUPERHEROES:

Older siblings reading to children participating in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten are **Reading Superheroes** and receive prizes. They just have to write their names next to a star every time they read a book to a younger child. 50 books earns a small prize!

Can you really read 1000 books before Kindergarten? Yes, if you read just three books a day to your child, then in one year you'll have read 1,095 books! And you have several years to complete the program.

Help! I don't know which books to read!

The RFPL Staff will gladly help you pick books.

What if my child wants to read the same book over and over?

Repetition is part of learning. Each time you read a book, it counts. If you read the same book 10 times, color 10 stars.

Do I have to read books from the Library? You can read books from anywhere, not just Library books.



Questions? Contact the Library!

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