



1000 Books before Kindergarten is a free literacy program for any child from birth to five years old. The mission of the program is to promote reading to children under the age of 5 and to encourage parent and child bonding in a fun and innovative way. The years 0-5 are the most crucial in brain development and reading with children can offer so many benefits to help give them that excellent start in school and beyond.

The goal of this program is to read 1000 books before the child starts Kindergarten. It's so easy! 1000 books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book a night, you'll meet your goal in less than 3 years. If you read three books a night, you could reach your goal in one year!

HOW IT WORKS:

- Read with your child.
- Keep track of the books that you read with your child, online or using the book lists provided in the welcome package.
- Every Book Counts: Even if your child wants to hear the same book again and again, you can count it each time.
- 100-Book Milestones: Each time you read 100 books, visit your library branch to pick up a prize and add your child's name to the "Brag Wall."
- When finished all 1000 books, there will be a prize and a certificate for the child. Optional their picture can be taken and put up on the "Brag Wall".
- Feel free to ask our friendly staff for book recommendations – we're here to help you on your journey to 1000 Books before Kindergarten.

WAYS TO TRACK:

- Track your progress using the paper forms available at all L&A Library branches
 - Colour a dot for every book you read or re-read
 - When the tracking sheet is full, return it to the library and pick up a new one
- Track online using READsquared!
 - Sign into your account
 - Log every book title you read or re-read. Even on the go!
 - Get reading inspiration with age-appropriate books lists
 - Complete missions designed to develop early literacy skills



countylibrary.readsquared.com



Username:

Password:



Apple App



Android App



Browser Site

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- What is early literacy?
 - Early literacy is everything children should know about reading and writing before they can actually read or write. Early literacy skills include Vocabulary, Print Motivation, Print Awareness, Narrative Skills, Letter Knowledge, and Phonological Awareness.

- Is there a timeline or due date for the program?
 - You can take as long as you need to complete the program as long as you do so before your child enters Kindergarten.

- Is there a required reading list?
 - No. You can read whatever books interest you and your child. If you need suggestions there are recommended reading lists in READsquared or you can ask any library staff member for suggestions.

If you have further questions, feel free to speak to any library staff member.