



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Washington Public Library



About the Program

This program is simple, yet rewarding and can be done from anywhere!

- › The goal of this program is to read 1,000 books to/with your child before he or she enters kindergarten. You can start reading from birth to the day before your child enters kindergarten. You can repeat books as well! Most children start kindergarten at age 5, so you have plenty of time. By reading one book a night, you can finish this program in just 3 years!



How to Participate

1. Stop by Washington Public Library to register your child. You will receive a folder that includes a log, a suggested book list, and literacy tips.
2. Start reading! Log your books in the sheet included in the folder.
3. When you reach a milestone (100 books, 200 books, 300 books, etc.,) be sure to bring your log to the Washington Public Library.
4. Once your child has completed reading 1,000 books, your child will be honored at the library!
5. Feel free to keep reading after 1,000 books!

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can participate in this program?

Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten.

How long will this program take?

This program allows you to go at your own pace. You can finish this program in less than 3 years if you read a book every day starting at birth!

Do you have to read books from the library?

No, you can read any book as long as you write them down in your log. Books from story hour count, too!

Can I count books more than once?

Yes, you can read and log the same book more than once.