



Haverford Township Free Library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a fun, exciting, and free way to start your child on the path to success!



Really...1000?!

It's not as hard as it seems!

1 book a day for 3 years = 1095 books

10 books a week for 2 years = 1040 books

3 books a day for 1 year = 1095 books



YOU CAN DO IT!

Children who have not yet entered Kindergarten are eligible to register.
Just follow these steps:

- 1. Register:** Sign up at Haverford Township Free Library. Pick up program materials at the library or print them from our website.
- 2. Track Your Reading:** Track your reading by coloring a book on the reading log.
Or: Download the App! (see links at bottom of page)
- 3. Every Book Counts:** Even if your child wants to hear the same book again and again, you can count it each time. You can also count the books your child hears in storytime, in daycare or preschool, or with a friend or family member, as long as your child listens to the entire book.
- 4. Milestones:** At each 100 Book Milestone bring your reading record to the library to receive a special reward. Take home a new reading record for your next 100 books. When your child has read 100, 250, 500 and 750 books, they will receive a free book!
- 5. 1000 Books!**



When your child has read 1000 books, stop by the library for your final reward! Come celebrate at the library, see your child's name moved to a special place on the 1,000 Book Wall of Fame, and a book plate with your child's name placed in a new library book!

Optional: Get your photo on our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Wall of Fame!

Keep on Reading: Don't stop at 1,000! Keep on reading together; there's more learning ahead!

Ask our friendly staff for suggestions—we're here to help you on your journey to 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! Happy Reading!



Reading aloud helps children
acquire early language skills

FAQ

Do we have to read Library books?

No, you may read books from anywhere; your home, the doctor's office, grandma's house, other libraries.

If I read a book more than once, may I count it more than once?

Yes, write down the title each time you read it.

I have more than one child to read to. May I count the same titles for each child?

Yes, and if your older children read to their sibling, you may count that too.

May I count books which are read at storytime?

Yes! Feel free to borrow some of the titles as well.

My child sometimes listens to books on CD or on the computer. May I add these to the list?

Yes, as long as he has listened to the whole book.

What are the best books for my child?

Really, anything your child likes and will hold his interest.



Singing songs, saying rhymes, telling stories, and playing with your child are all great ways to build their literacy skills. Visit Haverford Township Free Library often for free programs that are fun and educational for your little one and to find great books to share with your child.

