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What is it?

1,000 Books before Kindergarten is a fun and simple early reading challenge – read 1,000 books with your child before they begin kindergarten.

Why 1,000 Books?

The 1,000 book challenge is based on research that shows the more children hear books read aloud to them, the more excited and prepared they are to learn to read on their own when they start kindergarten. Reading with your child is also a great bonding experience!

How can we read 1,000 books?

The 1,000 book milestone is designed to be challenging but achievable! It may be easier than you think:

- 1 book each day for 3 years = 1,000+ books!

And don't forget, every book counts! Every book counts every time you read it. If your child has a favorite story those repeated readings can add up quickly. Storytime books count too! Don't forget you can count any book a librarian, friend, or family member reads to your child as well!

Who can participate?

Any child can participate in the program anytime from birth until they enter kindergarten.

Questions? Please contact: Kristen Peirson, Director of Family Learning, kpeirson@fflib.org, (315) 637-6374 ext. 309.



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How to participate:

- Visit the FFL's front desk to pick up your free Starter Kit.
- Read with your child.
- Keep track of the books you read via the free Beanstack app.
- When you reach a milestone (100, 200 books...), stop in to pick up a sticker from the front desk, and move your child's marker on display in our Children's Room
- When you reach the 300, 500, and 800 milestones, you can pick up a small prize!
- When you reach the 1,000 milestone, your child will receive a personalized certificate and special prize!

