1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

I read 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

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a self-paced early literacy program that encourages families to read at least 1,000 books to their children before they start Kindergarten.

Learning to read begins long before a child reaches Kindergarten. Reading builds vocabulary and language skills, and helps equip children with the skills they need to be ready for primary education. Reading together is a great way to develop a love of reading, as well as spend quality time with your child.

Book by book,
LCPL is partnering with parents to help prepare children for Kindergarten.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

■ Preschool children (0-5 years old) work on this challenge with family members, caregivers, teachers, and librarians.

■ **It can be done!** Read 3 books to your child each day; you will have read 1,095 books in one year. If you read one book a day, you can be done in less than 3 years.

■ Record a favorite book as many times as it is read. Repetition is key to learning.

■ Count books read to your child by anyone, including grandparents, siblings, caregivers, and librarians. Did you attend Storytime at the library? Count those!

■ Sharing a book can include talking about the pictures, reading from cover to cover, or any other way of interacting with the book that works for you and your child.

http://library.loudoun.gov/1000Books

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After reading 1,000 books, your child will receive the custom designed LCPL 1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten T-Shirt!

READING LOG · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Books 1-100

Name: _____

I read 1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

Our top 10 favorite books:

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Record each book read by filling in a circle.

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Congratulations! You've finished 100 books!
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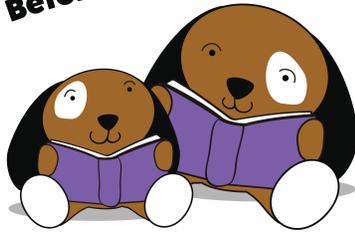Visit the library to pick up your next log.

READING TIP:
Read together every day. Make this a warm and
loving time when the two of you can cuddle close.

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READING LOG .... Books 101-200

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I read 1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

Our top 10 favorite books:

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Congratulations! You've finished 200 books!
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Visit the library to pick up your next log.

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1000 BOOKS
Before Kindergarten

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REMINDER:
Visit the library to pick up your next log.

READING TIP:
Children like to hear their favorite stories over and over again.
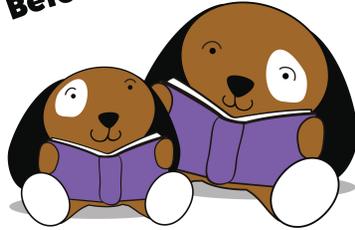Repetition is an important part of learning, so read it again!

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Congratulations! You've finished 400 books!
REMINDER:
Visit the library to pick up your next log.

READING TIP:
Make books a part of your life! Keep books in the car,
in the stroller, diaper bag and all over the house.

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READING LOG .... Books 401-500

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I read
1000 BOOKS
Before Kindergarten

Our top 10 favorite books:

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Congratulations! You've finished 500 books!
REMINDER:
Visit the library to pick up your next log and a prize.

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Name: _____

I read 1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

Our top 10 favorite books:

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READING TIP: Talk about your day! When getting ready for bed, tell your child the story of the day. Going over the day's events helps children learn how stories work.

Record each book read by filling in a circle.

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Congratulations! You've finished 600 books!
REMINDER:
Visit the library to pick up your next log.

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Congratulations! You've finished 700 books!
REMINDER:
Visit the library to pick up your next log.

READING TIP:
Have your child look at the pictures and guess what's going to
happen next in the story. Reading visual clues is an important skill.

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REMINDER:
Visit the library to pick up your next log.

READING TIP: Point out letters and words in the world around you! Teach your child about letters and words. The letters in your child's name will be favorites.

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READING LOG $\cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots\cdots$ Books 801-900

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Congratulations! You've finished 900 books!
REMINDER:
Visit the library to pick up your next log.

READING TIP: Talk about the pictures, but talk about things
that your child can't see too! When buying apples, you can talk
about orchards and apple blossoms that turn into fruit.

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Congratulations!
You've completed *1000 Books Before Kindergarten!*
Visit the library to pick up a prize.

READING TIP:
Write with your child! Random marks are your child's first attempts at writing letters and words.

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