

How to participate

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Visit any Loudoun County Public Library branch to register. Any child from birth to kindergarten can participate.

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Pick up a log to track your first 100 books.

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Begin reading! Write down in the log every book your child reads on their own, at the library, during storytime or with a family member or friend.

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After reading 100 books, return to the library to receive a new log.

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Earn prizes when your child has read 100, 500 and 1,000 books.

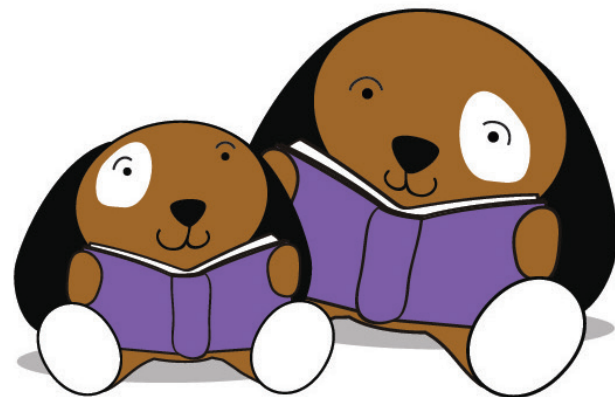


*“Experts tell us
that children need
to hear a thousand
stories read aloud
before they begin
to learn to read
for themselves.”*

Reading Magic,
by Mem Fox

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1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten



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What it is

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a nationwide, self-paced early literacy program that encourages families to read at least 1,000 books with their child 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 literacy skills and a love of books and to spend quality time with your child.

Any and all reading experiences count. Storytime at the library or reading at home with parents, grandparents and siblings are just some of the ways a child can interact with a book.

READING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Check out eBooks on **Hoopla** or **Overdrive for Kids**. Going on a long car ride? Borrow an **audiobook** or **PlayAway View** for your child to watch and listen to in the car.

Visit library.loudoun.gov/children for a complete list of digital resources or to find a storytime near you.



YOU'LL RECEIVE...

- A **magnet** when you sign up
- A **tote bag** when you read 500 books
- A **t-shirt** when you read 1,000 books

How it works

- Keep track of the titles of the books that you read with your child in your log book. The log itself will make a great keepsake item.
- One thousand books might sound like a lot, but it can be done! If you read one book per night, you'll have read 365 books in one year — or 1,095 books in three years.
- Make sure to keep a record of *any* book that is read to your child. This includes teachers, siblings and librarians. Did you attend storytime? That counts!
- You can read books more than once and log them each time. Repetition is key to learning.
- Sharing a book can include talking about the pictures, reading it from cover to cover or any other way of interacting with a book.

