

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a multi-year, self-paced, early literacy program that encourages parents to read 1,000 books with their child before he/she enters school. Reading to children builds vocabulary and language skills and prepares them to enter kindergarten with many other needed skills for success. Children are also introduced to a wide range of books and stories.

This fun and free program has no end date except your child's going to school—so don't feel rushed— just enjoy the experience! Spend time reading every day, talk about stories, say nursery rhymes, sing songs, and attend library programs. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read 365 books in a year. That will grow to 730 books in 2 years, and 1,095 books in 3 years!



Who can participate?

Any child from birth through entering kindergarten (age 5-ish) can participate.

How can I participate?

There are **two ways** to participate! You may sign up online through the **Beanstack** app or by visiting duxbury.beanstack.org and registering for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program **OR** if you prefer paper record keeping, download a log on our website to keep track. Make sure you come to the Children's Desk to decorate and write your name on a dragon.

Read together! If you read a book more than once, you can record it each time. Books read at library storytime, audiobooks in the car, at daycare/preschool or by others to your child also count!

Each time you finish 100 books, let the librarians at the Children's Desk know so we can move your dragon up the wall.

Upon reaching 1,000 books, participants will be receive a certificate, a button, and a crown to decorate! We will post their achievement with their picture on the wall to celebrate.

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