1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Hello!

Thank you for joining our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program! 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is an ongoing program that promotes reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers, and encourages families to bond through reading. Studies show that children who live in rich verbal environments and read at home start kindergarten at an advantage. In fact, research shows that if you read a book together every day, by age 5, your child will have heard about 290,000 more words than children who do not regularly read with a grownup.

This is an adaptable, choose-your-own-adventure program! Read the books that work best for you. If you want, you can read 1,000 different books! Or if you want to read the same book 1,000 times, that works too! All books will count toward this goal - board books, picture books, even wordless books. There is no assigned reading list, but our Children's Librarians are here to help you choose books if you're not sure where to look.

Today you received a starter kit with your very first reading log. That log has 100 circles on it; for every book you read, color in 1 circle. Reading 100 books is a huge achievement and we want to celebrate that with you! Give a Children's Staff member your completed log during your next library visit. They'll give you a new reading log AND your child will get to do a solo on our special drum for every log that you turn in until you reach 1,000 books! When you read 1,000 books, your child will get a certificate and a library picture book dedicated to you!

Getting through 1,000 books may seem like daunting task, but if you and your child read a book together every night, it's possible to complete the challenge in under 3 years!

You've got this!

If you have any questions, feel free to give us a call at 781-475-5734, find us online at medfordlibrary.org, or stop by the Children's Room.

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