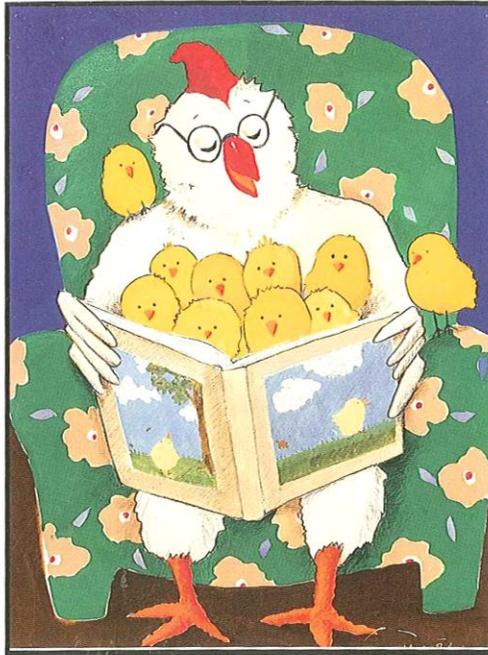


# 1,000 Books

## Before Kindergarten



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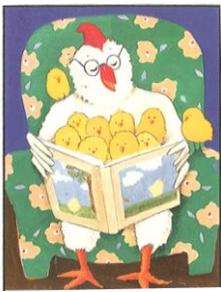
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## Program Overview

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is designed to help parents/caregivers prepare their children for one of life's big milestones: kindergarten! A number of research projects have proven over and over again that children get ready to read years before they begin their formal education. The most effective way to get your child ready to learn is to read to them.

### How to Get Started:

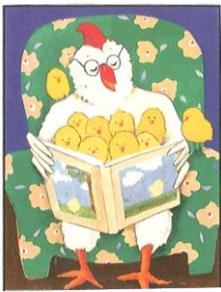
1. Sign up for the program by visiting the Children's Department or online through our Events Calendar. You can sign up at any time, by selecting the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" event listed on the first of the month. Make sure to stop by the library to pick up your first reading log and a folder to store all your logs.
2. Come back every time you have completed 100 books to receive a stamp for every 50 books you share together, a small prize at the 100 book mark, and your next 100 books log. You can also print the log in a .pdf file from home on our website (<http://www.umtowsnip.org/library>).
3. When you have finished 1,000 books your child will be able to select a new picture book to add to the collection. The book will include a bookplate with the child's name on it. Your child will be the first one to check out their honor book and will be invited to a graduation party in August of that year.

### Suggestions:

- Have fun! Reading together should never be a chore.
- Take every chance you have to read with your children, tell and talk about stories, say nursery rhymes, and sing songs.
- Expose your children to a variety of different types of stories and vocabulary. Learning depends on repetition. It is good when children ask for favorite stories to be read again and again. When you have the opportunity, introduce new stories so that your child has a chance to experience and hear as many new words and concepts as possible.
- Children learn best when they are in a good mood, so read with your child when the experience will be the most pleasurable for both of you.

### Time to Think:

- If you read one story at bedtime every night for three years you'll have shared 1,095 books!
- If you read ten books a week for two years, you'll have shared 1,040 books!
- This small time commitment is well worth the advantage you will be giving your child and the memories that you will form spending time with them.



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## Books 1 – 25

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**Reading Tip:**

Make book sharing time a special time for closeness with your child.



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## Books 26 – 50

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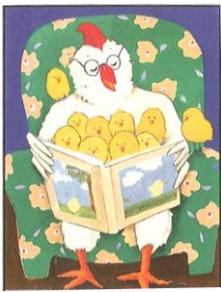
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**Reading Activity for Babies**

It is natural for babies to chew on books. Putting things in their mouths is one way to explore. Choose books for your baby that are sturdy, made of cardboard, cloth, or plastic. As you gently pull the book from the baby's mouth, show them the pictures.

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## Books 51 – 75

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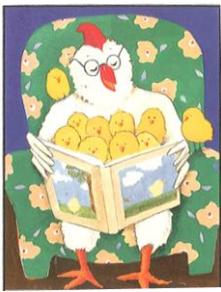
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**Toddler Reading Activity**

Use words to describe feelings, both yours and theirs. Try this song: “If you’re happy and you know it, give a smile! (repeat). If you’re happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it. If you’re happy and you know it, give a smile.” “If you’re angry..., give a frown.” “If you’re sleepy..., close your eyes.” “If you’re shy..., turn your head” and so on.



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## Books 76 – 100

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You can help your child learn the alphabet by playing with different shapes, reading alphabet books, and talking about the letters in your child's first name.

**Keep up the great work!** Don't forget to bring in your log to get a prize and your next set of pages.

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# Importance of 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

## Why is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten important?

Learning to read begins before children start school. From the time they are infants, children learn language and other important skills that will help them learn to read. Developing early literacy skills makes it easier for children to read once they begin school. Parents of newborns, toddlers, and preschoolers are their children's first teacher.

The Public Library Association and the Association of Library Services to Children, both divisions of the American Library Association recognize this critical role of first teacher and have created the Every Child Ready to Read program to better serve parents, caregivers, and librarians.

Children that enter kindergarten with strong pre-reading skills focus on learning how to read rather than first learning those essential pre-reading skills. Parents can help their children get ready to read through five simple activities: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing. You and your child can enjoy these activities throughout the day – at home, in the car, or anywhere you and your child spend time together.

These five activities help support pre-reading skills through five early literacy components. The five early literacy skills are **Phonological Awareness**, the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words; **Vocabulary**, knowing the meanings of words: things, feelings, concepts, ideas; **Print Convention**, noticing print, knowing how to handle a book, and knowing how to follow the words on a page; **Background Knowledge**, the prior knowledge the child has learned; and **Letter Knowledge**, knowing letters are different from each other, knowing their names and sounds, and recognizing letters everywhere.

As you receive more pages for your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten packet, you'll also receive more information about early literacy components and activities you and your child can do at home, in the car, and all around town.