

Congratulations! You are signed up!

This program is a fun way to prepare your child for kindergarten. Reading to a child expands their vocabulary exponentially and it is a great bonding experience that will create life-long memories.

It's easy! For every ten books - and yes, repeats count - your child can place a sticker on a shell. Completing any other suggested early literacy activity - like singing a song or doing a fingerplay - also counts. Just imagine how many shells your child will be able to mark off when they attend a storytime at the library!

Once you have completed this tracking card, bring it into the Waynesville or Canton branches to receive the next log. Additionally, your child will be able to put a fish on our mural to commemorate their accomplishment!



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Books 1-100



READ

Make shared reading interactive. Ask questions and let the child respond. Ask the child to predict what they think will happen.



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PUBLIC LIBRARY

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Books 101-200



PLAY

Support children's participation in dramatic play. As they pretend, encourage dialogue to create a story. This will help their narrative skills, which is an important early literacy practice.



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1000 Books Before Kindergarten

BOOKS 201-300



TALK

Spend time talking to your children in everyday settings such as grocery shopping or visiting the park. The more words your child hears, the broader their vocabulary becomes.



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1000 Books Before Kindergarten

BOOKS 301-400



SING

Sing to your child in the car or while doing chores. Rhyme and song slow down language and allow children to hear the different sounds and syllables in words.



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1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Books 401-500



WRITE

Occasionally use your pointer finger to scan words as you read. This will help your child to associate print with the spoken word.



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Books 501-600



READ

Reading with your child develops a love of reading and motivates children to want to learn to read.



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Books 601-700



PLAY

Children learn through play. They learn about language through playing as activities help them put thoughts into words, which allow them to communicate.



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1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Books 701-800



TALK

Talk to your child about what you see. Pointing out signs, people, places, and things helps to expand their vocabulary.



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1000 Books Before Kindergarten

BOOKS 801-900



SING

Listening to songs will help your child develop listening skills.
Hearing new words will aid in building your child's vocabulary.



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Books 901-1000



WRITE

Provide your child with crayons and chalk to help them build fine motor skills, which are essential to developing their writing later.



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