



1000 Books Before KINDERGARTEN

Program Overview

Congratulations! You are about to embark on a fantastic, life long journey with your child. You have committed to enjoying books with your child and in the process, reaping the benefits as your child gains pre-literacy skills that will prepare him for reading and learning throughout his life.

How This Program Works

1. Enroll your child by registering online or in person at the Denison Public Library. There is a link on the website to sign up using Beanstack. You have the option to download the physical book to manually record your books or you can log all books online and you will be notified when you have earned a book.
2. When you enroll, you will receive a "Books for Baby" packet that includes a free book along with other goodies.
3. After 25 books are read and recorded, you can take your journal or digital badge to the Children's Desk for assistance.
4. When you and your child have read and recorded your 1000th book, take your journal or digital badge to the Children's Desk for your final reward. A staff member will take a picture of you and your child for a special Facebook post.

You may be asking yourself, "How will I read 1000 books to my child?" One thousand is a big number; however, when you start breaking that number down over five years, or even two years, the task isn't that overwhelming. If you would take the full five years to complete this program, you could read one book every other day and read 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. If you would break this down over two years, that would be fewer than two books a day. 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 him/her.

Suggestions

1. Create a reading schedule. Write down the days and times you will read to your child. This will help you stay on track and make reading a habit.
2. Read to your child every day, even if it's just for a few minutes. Consistency is key.
3. Use a variety of books, including picture books, board books, and audiobooks.
4. Encourage your child to participate in the reading process by pointing to pictures and making sounds.
5. Join a library or a book club to get more books and support.
6. Use the Beanstack app to track your books and earn rewards.
7. Read to your child in a quiet, comfortable place.
8. Make reading a fun and enjoyable activity.
9. Celebrate your progress and milestones.
10. Read to your child in a variety of settings, such as the car, the park, and the library.

**Many of the facts and tips you will read throughout this packet are taken from the Every Child Ready to Read program from the American Library Association.