

Dear Parent,

Welcome to 1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

This free program encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before he or she enters school – a goal experts say children need to help them learn to read for themselves. One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. Reading together helps develop important pre-reading skills that provide a solid reading foundation – a key to school and learning success. Plus, sharing stories together is fun!

Here are the easy steps for participation:

1. Read together.
2. Record your books on your recording sheet. If you read a book more than once, you can record it each time. Books read at library storytime, at daycare or by others to your child also count!
3. We have special awards along the way, including a tote bag (100 books) and a brand new book to keep (500 books).
4. After finishing 1000 books, your child
 - Receives a certificate.
 - Gets to “adopt a book” at the library. We will place a bookplate in their honor in one of the library’s new books (they can choose which new title they want to adopt).
 - Gets an awesome jumpstart on success in school!

This program has no end date except your child’s going to school, so don’t feel rushed -- just enjoy the experience! Take every chance you have to read with your children, tell and talk about stories, say nursery rhymes, sing songs, and attend library programs. By reading just three stories a day you and your child will have read over 1000 books in one year. You will also have shared many special moments along the way.

The library is a fun place featuring books to check out, free programs and great suggestions for what to read. Stop in often and talk to our friendly staff – we are here to help.

Happy reading!

- NOPL Library Staff

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