

Why read 1,000 books before Kindergarten?

Reading books at home is one of the best ways to get your child ready for school. Reading 1,000 books sounds like a lot; but if you read just 3 picture books with your child every day, you will read over 1,000 books in a year!

Kids ages 0-5 are eligible for the program.

Kids can be read to or read on their own. Being read to includes listening to audiobooks and [Wonderbooks](#).

Caregivers and parents track their reading with a print or electronic reading log. WCCLS provides the print version of the [reading log](#). The library does not provide an electronic version, but a patron can create their own. An electronic reading log can take the form of an image of the reading log on a phone, or virtual reading list of some kind.

Each log tracks 100 books.

Caregivers and parents will circle the number of books they've read on the reading log. Then work toward achieving the next hundred books.

Caregivers and parents can take as long as they want to complete the 1,000 books goal, as long as they complete it before the child enters kindergarten.

(exceptions can be made for kiddos who complete the goal after the kindergarten year begins.)

Caregivers and Parents with multiple children should complete a reading log for each child, but caregivers and parents can read to more than one child at a time.

The same book can be read ten or more times and count as ten or more books on the reading log!

Bring your completed log to the desk. There's everything you need to get started with the next 100 books in the paper bag.

Families can keep their completed logs as a marker of achievement.

A list of what is in each paper bag is listed below.

Paper bag kits are also available in Spanish.

100 Books

- Success sticker
- Star sticker
- Egg shaker
- Completion coloring sheet

- 100 Books Reading Log for next 100 books

200 Books

- Success sticker
- Star sticker
- Play Doh
- Completion coloring sheet
- 100 Books Reading Log for next 100 books

300 Books

- Success sticker
- Star sticker
- Bubbles
- Completion coloring sheet
- 100 Books Reading Log for next 100 books

400 Books

- Success sticker
- Star Sticker
- Pop Tube
- Completion coloring sheet
- 100 Books Reading Log for next 100 books

500 Books

- Success sticker
- Star sticker
- 1 Prize Book (Look for 1,000 Books Before K box)
- Completion coloring sheet
- 100 Books Reading Log for next 100 books

600 Books

- Success sticker
- Star sticker
- Scarf
- Completion coloring sheet
- 100 Books Reading Log for next 100 books

700 Books

- Success sticker on sheet
- Star sticker

- Jumbo crayon
- Completion coloring sheet
- 100 Books Reading Log for next 100 books

800 Books

- Success sticker
- Star Sticker
- 1 Bean Bag
- Completion coloring sheet
- 100 Books Reading Log for next 100 books

900 Books

- Success sticker
- Star sticker
- 3 foam blocks
- Completion coloring sheet
- 100 Books Reading Log for next 100 books

1,000 Books

- Success sticker
- Star sticker
- 2nd Prize Book
- Book Bag
- Certificate of completion
- Completion coloring sheet

Encourage a selfie with the white board prop. Write “We Read 1000 Books before Kindergarten!” with white board markers and style sheet. #SherwoodLibrary #WCCLS