

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

What: Rewarding families for reading together.

Who: Any child from birth until kindergarten.

Where: At home, Parent Link Centre, or the Strathmore Municipal Library.

Why: Reading to your child reaps huge rewards.

How: Read books, record them, and collect prizes.

Check out strathmorelibrary.ca/1000books or visit the library or Parent Link Centre to get started.



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can participate in this program? Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

2. How long will it take? The program will take anywhere from a few months to a few years. The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together.

3. How many of my children can participate? All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten). Make it even more fun and read as a family!

4. Can we count the books that siblings, grandparents, teachers, or librarians read to our child? Yes, absolutely!

5. What books should we read? Whatever books interest your child. If you need ideas of great books to read aloud you can download the suggested reading list at www.strathmorelibrary.ca/1000-books. You can also always ask your librarian for their read aloud favourites!

6. I'm having trouble with the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten App. Where can I find help? Go to www.strathmorelibrary.ca/1000-books and download the app help guide at the bottom of the page.



1,000
BOOKS
before kindergarten

A yellow sign with a white border, held by a brown paperclip at the top. The sign features the text '1,000 BOOKS before kindergarten'. The numbers '1,000' are large and white, with a blue dolphin, a grey koala, and a green frog inside the zeros. The word 'BOOKS' is also large and white, with a pink pig and a yellow duck inside the 'O's. The phrase 'before kindergarten' is written in a blue, cursive font at the bottom.

Program Overview



Welcome!



On behalf of the 1,000 Books Foundation, Parent Link Centre, and the Strathmore Municipal Library, we invite you to participate in this FREE program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she starts kindergarten.

Program Overview

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think (so get started).



The key is perseverance and we are here to help you make it exciting! When your child reaches a milestone (50 books), pop into the Parent Link Centre or the Strathmore Municipal Library to collect a small prize!

How to Participate



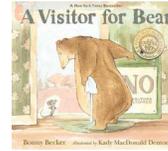
Read with your child. Studies have shown that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for bonding. Reading together is fun and will create life-long memories for the two of you.

Keep track of the titles of the books that you read with your child. Make a record of what you are reading in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten log book or on the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten App (for Apple or Android devices). Keep the logs as a keepsake item for your precious child.

If you are able to, make sure you keep a record of "any" book that is being read to your child. This includes books read by teachers and siblings.

1,000 BOOKS

Book Suggestions to get you started



A visitor for Bear

by Bonny Becker

Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse.



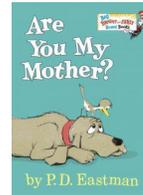
The very hungry caterpillar

by Eric Carle

Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. Die-cut

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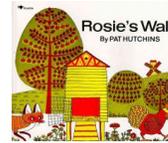
illustrate what the caterpillar ate on successive days.



Are you my mother?

by Philip D. Eastman

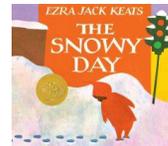
When a mother bird's egg starts to jump, she hurries off to make sure she has something for her little one to eat, but as soon as she's gone, out pops the baby bird, who immediately sets off to find his mother with hilarious results. A beloved classic that was edited by Dr. Seuss.



Rosie's walk

by Pat Hutchins

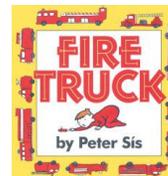
Although unaware that a fox is after her as she takes a walk around the farmyard, Rosie the hen still manages to lead him into one accident after another.



The snowy day

by Ezra Jack Keats

Vivid full-color illustrations capture a young boy's delight in the first snowfall of the year. Caldecott Medal-winning classic.



Fire truck

by Peter Sis

In a story by the illustrator of The Dragons Are Singing Tonight, Matt, who loves fire trucks, wakes up one morning to find that he has become a fire truck, with one driver, two ladders, three hoses, and ten boots.

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