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BOOKS 1-100

For more information, visit https://wclibrary.info/literacy/1000books/

At WCPL, we think reading is pretty important. As you might imagine, we're not the only ones. Studies show that reading to young children is one of the best ways to prepare them to read on their own and get them ready to start school. As an added bonus, it can turn those little listeners into lifelong readers.

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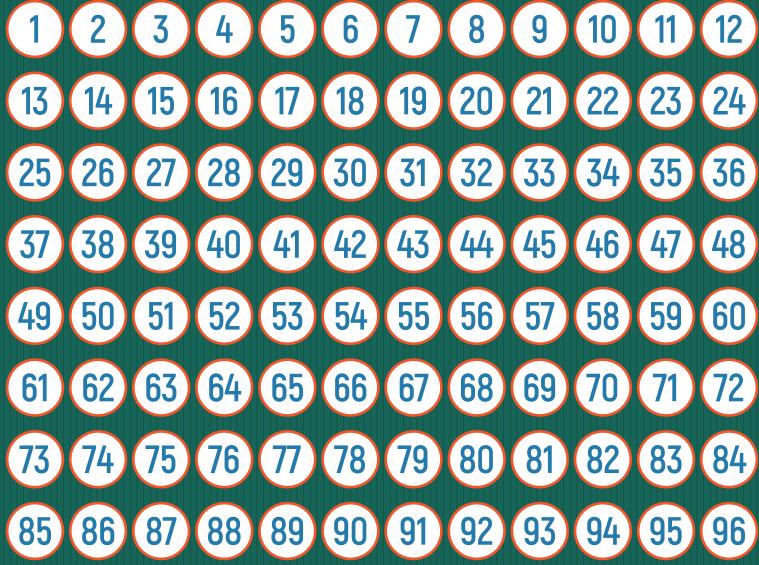
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1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a fun program that challenges you and your child to make an official commitment to reading. Though reading 1,000 books may seem daunting at first, once you break it down to books per day, it becomes more manageable. In fact, you could surpass the goal in three years by reading just one book each day, or you could finish in less than one year by reading three books each day! This program allows you to read at your own pace to reach your goal.

Here's how it works:

Every time you read a book, color in or cross out a number in the journal. After each 100 books read, visit the Library to receive a puzzle piece to complete the puzzle at the end of your journal. Once you've read 1,000 books, you'll earn the final puzzle piece, a certificate of achievement, and your child's photo in our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Hall of Fame.

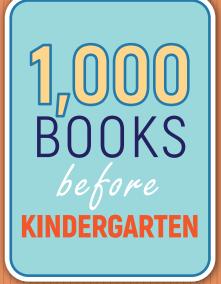


Literacy Tip

Babies love to look at books with pictures of other babies or with objects they recognize. If they're under 6 months, choose books with black-and-white or high-contrast pictures, since their vision is not yet fully developed.



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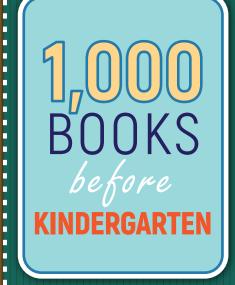
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Literacy Tip

When you're reading to your child at home, choose a time when you and your child are both in a good mood to share books.



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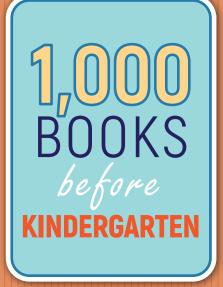
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Literacy Tip

Occasionally point to the words as you're reading. This will help your child become aware that it's the text, and not the pictures, that you are reading.



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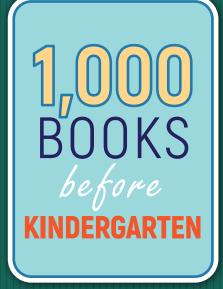
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Literacy Tip

When you're reading, define unfamiliar words to help build your child's vocabulary.



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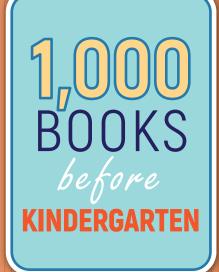
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Literacy Tip

Reading books with words that rhyme helps your child hear the small sounds in words. This will help them later when they're sounding out words as they're learning to read.



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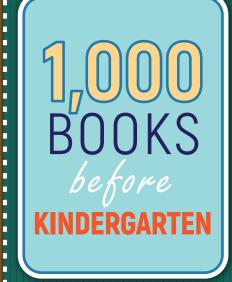
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Literacy Tip

Not all books you share have to be stories. Looking at the pictures in a nonfiction book helps your child build background knowledge about the world.



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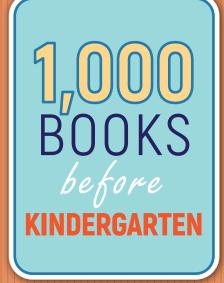
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Literacy Tip

It is much easier for children to read a word when they are familiar with it. Take advantage of every opportunity to introduce children to new words and new contexts for the words they already know.



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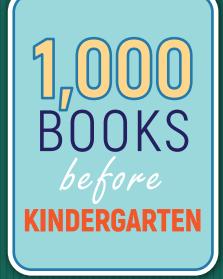
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Literacy Tip

Encourage your child to tell or retell stories. This helps develop narrative skills, which helps with comprehension.



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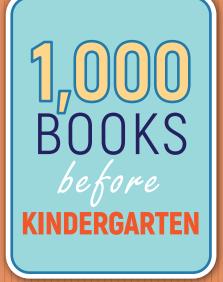
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Literacy Tip

If your child loses interest while reading, just set the book down and continue another time. By following your child's lead, you can help make book-sharing a positive experience.



BOOKS 901-1000



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Literacy Tip

Picture books about feelings often give our little ones ways to express feelings and emotions they may not be sure how to verbalize. Allow the books to be a discussion opener.

