



# 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

## What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a fun early literacy program that challenges families to read 1,000 books together before their child starts kindergarten. It is an independent, self-paced program designed to develop and encourage a strong literacy foundation. By reading with your child every day, or engaging in early learning moments, you can help put your child on a trajectory for success with reading.

The program is free, but the rewards are priceless!

## Here's How to Participate!

- Register at the Austin Public Library Service Desk.
- Color or mark off one animal on the log sheet for each book you read
  - If you read a book more than once, you can record it each time. Repetition is the key to learning.
  - Books read to your child at school or by others also count.
- When you finish 100 books, bring the reading log back to the Library Service Desk and collect your next reading log.
- Repeat steps at each level.
- Your child will receive incentives along their reading journey, and a certificate after reading 1,000 books!

