



Plymouth Public Library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free program that encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she enters 5 year old Kindergarten – a goal experts say will help children learn to read for themselves.

1,000 books sounds like a lot, but it's easier to accomplish than you think! If you read only one book at bedtime every night for three years, you will have read 1,095 books! If you read three books a day, you'll read 1,095 books in only one year! Even if you don't reach the 1,000-book mark before your child enters school, you will still have given your child an important advantage: reading together expands children's vocabulary and language skills and develops essential pre-reading skills. Plus, sharing stories together is fun!

**Find a printable reading log on the library's website: www.plymouthpubliclibrary.net
Start filling out your log. If you have not yet registered for the program, you can start filling out your log now and register when you are next at the library.**

1. **Register** for the program at the Plymouth Library. You may register right away or register later—when you bring in your first completed reading log that is on the back of this page.
2. **Fill in a star** on your **Reading Stars** log sheet for each book that you read.
**If you read a book more than once, you can record it each time. Books read at library storytime, at a child care center, or by other individuals to your child also count. Books that you count toward the reading log do not need to be library books.
3. **For each 100 books that you finish**, bring your sheet to the library and
 - Receive a sticker for your child to wear or take home
 - Place a star sticker on our **Reading Stars** display board in the library
 - Collect your next **Reading Stars** log sheet
4. **There are some extra rewards along the way—**
 - **After 100 books:** receive a free board book
 - **After 500 books:** receive a free coloring book and crayons
 - **After 1,000 books:** receive a free picture book
5. If you finish 1000 books before your child enters 5K, **ask about the library's 2000 Books & Beyond program!**

This club has no end date except your child's entrance to 5K, so don't feel rushed—just enjoy the experience! When your child begins kindergarten, he or she will be ready for school, and you both will have shared many special moments together.

Happy reading!

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