



1,000 Books Before KINDERGARTEN

Smithton Public Library District

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Congratulations! You are about to start a fantastic, life-long journey with your child. You have committed to enjoying books with your child and in the process, reaping the benefits as your child gains pre-literacy skills that will prepare him/her for reading and learning throughout his/her life.

HOW THIS PROGRAM WORKS

1. Enroll your child at the Smithton Public Library and receive your “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” reading log folder, which includes the pages to track your first 100 books, and your starting information.
2. After each set of 100 books is read and recorded, take your reading log to the library’s circulation desk to receive 1 sticker to keep, 1 sticker to place on our progress bulletin board and the reading log page for your next 100 books.
3. When you and your child have read and recorded your 500th book, take your reading log to the library for a surprise (finger puppet).
4. When you and your child have read and recorded your 1000th book, take your journal to the library for your final reward (a book with special book plate). A staff member will take a picture of you and your child for the *Freeburg Tribune*, with your permission.

You may be asking yourself, “How will I read 1000 books to my child?” One thousand is a big number; however, when you start breaking that number down over even just a few years, it isn’t so overwhelming. In fact, if you read three books a day to your child, in just one year you’ll have read 1,095 books!

SUGGESTIONS

1. Have fun! Reading together should never be a chore.
2. Take every chance you have to read with your children, tell and talk about stories, say nursery rhymes, and sing songs.
3. Expose your children to a variety of different types of stories and vocabulary. It is completely normal and expected for children, especially very young children, to have their favorite books that they want to hear over and over again. When you have the opportunity, introduce new stories so that your child has a chance to experience and hear as many new words and concepts as possible.
4. Children learn best when they are in a good mood, so read with your child when the experience will be most pleasurable for both of you.