



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS

Program Overview

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a nationwide initiative that promotes the joy of story. This free program ranges from newborn to just before kindergarten.

How to Participate

1. Visit your local Ozark Regional Library branch to pick up a packet of information, free tote bag, and registration form.
2. Turn in your registration form and start recording your books on your reading log. Please start recording books only *after* you have turned in your registration information. You can come to the library for additional reading logs or print them from our website at ozarkregional.org/1000books.html. The library will keep your reading logs and return them upon completion.
3. You can write down any completed books that have been read to your child, including those read by relatives or teachers, and you may repeat books.
4. Readers can choose 900 books on their own, but we ask that 100 of their selections come from our core reading guide of notable or award-winning books. Our core reading guide can be found in your packet of information or online at ozarkregional.org/1000books.html.
5. We have included an additional challenge titled "Read Harder." The goal is to ensure that children are exposed to a wide range of materials. If your child completes this challenge, then they will be eligible to receive one free book. Participants are *not* required to complete this challenge in order to finish the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.
6. Once your child has completed the program, we will invite you to our graduation party where your child will receive an award.

Frequently-Asked-Questions

1. How long does the program take? The program is self-paced. It can take anywhere from a few months to a few years.
2. Who can join this program? Anyone may participate, but in order to be eligible for our incentives, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the child(ren) must be a registered patron(s) of the library, and the child(ren) must not yet have entered kindergarten.
3. How many children can join 1000 Books? All of them as long as they have not yet entered kindergarten.
4. What if I lose my reading log? Pick up a new log at the library or print one from our website. Then, do your best to remember what you books you have read.