



Welcome to the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Club at the Key Largo Library!

This free program encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before he or she enters school. A goal that experts say children need to help them learn to read for themselves. **You** may be thinking, “How will I read 1000 books to my child?” One thousand is a big number; however, when you start breaking that number down over five years, or even two years, the task isn’t that overwhelming. If you would take a full five years to complete this program, you could read one book every other day and read 1000 books before kindergarten. If you would break this down over three years, that would be fewer than two books a day. This minor commitment is well worth the advantage you will be giving your child and the memories that you will form spending together.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Read with your child. Studies have shown that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for **bonding**. Reading together is fun and will create life-long memories for the both of you.

Keep **track** of the titles of the books you read with your child. Make a record of what you are reading a spiral notebook, or on our convenient reading log sheets, online with the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten App, or by whatever method you want. The journal itself will make a great keepsake item for your precious child.

If you are able, make sure to keep a **record** of “any” book that is read to your child. This includes those read by teachers and siblings. **Books that are read at library story time, at daycare or by others to your child also count!**

This club has no end date except when your child enters kindergarten. No need to feel rushed, just enjoy the experience. Take every chance to read with your child, tell and talk about stories, say nursery rhymes, and sing songs. Expose your child to a variety of different types of stories and vocabulary. **It is completely normal and expected that young children have favorite stories they want to hear over and over.** Whenever possible introduce new stories so your child has a chance to hear as many as many new words and concepts as possible.

Remember there is no app to replace your lap! **Happy Reading!**

