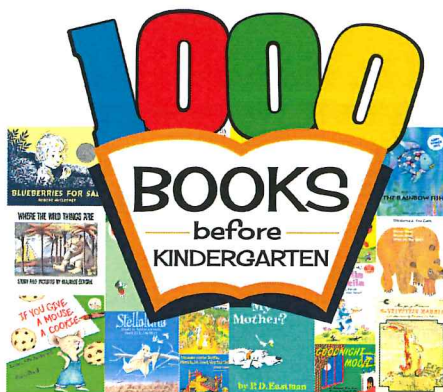


How the Program Works

- Register your child at any VBDL location and receive an information packet with your first reading log sheet.
- Color in one book on the log sheet for every book you and your child read. Reading the same book over and over? Color it in multiple times! Repetition is the key to learning.
- Once you have your first 100 books read, return the log sheet to the library to collect a small prize and your next log sheet.
- Read all 1000 Books and your child will receive: a completion certificate, a reading tote bag, a spot on the wall of fame, a jumpstart on success when starting school, and lots of cheers from the library staff!

The program has no timeframe outside of completing before your child starts kindergarten. Enjoy this experience you and your child are sharing. Talk about the stories you're sharing, sing songs, attend library story times and foster a love for books and reading in your child.

WHAT IS 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN?



On behalf of the Van Buren District Library system, we invite you to participate in this **FREE** program which encourages you to read and share 1000 books with your child before he or she starts kindergarten. This program is designed for children birth to age 5. Our hope is that through this program, a love of reading and library appreciation grows within you and your child.

CAN YOU REALLY READ 1000 BOOKS TO YOUR CHILD BEFORE KINDERGARTEN?

1 story every day for 5 years equals 1,825 stories!

5 stories a week for 4 years equals 1,040 stories!

1 story every day for 3 years equals 1,095 stories!

10 stories a week for 2 years equals 1,040 stories!

20 stories a week for 1 year equals 1,040 stories!

You Can Do It!

Reading is one of the most important things you can do to ensure that children succeed in school. It also provides an opportunity to increase their exposure to a wide variety of books and to promote use of the library -- a treasure trove of free materials available to all members of the community.