



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Welcome Readers!

Young children begin the process of learning to read long before they start school. Research indicates that the more children ages 0-5 hear books read to them, the more prepared they will be to learn to read when they reach kindergarten. One of the best ways to do this is to spend time sharing books every day. Waunakee Library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is intended to celebrate early learning and the fun of sharing stories.

Challenge your family to read and celebrate 1000 books before your child begins school. It is never too early to read, talk, sing, and play with young children. Here are the easy steps for participation:



Sign up with the Waunakee Library and download your reading sheets.



Read together and color one owl on your reading sheet for each book you read. If you read a book more than once, record it each time. Books heard online count too!



Hold on to your sheets and once the library has reopened, bring them in to collect any rewards earned. When the 1000 book challenge is completed, your child will receive a special forever book, a certificate and their name and picture in the library and an amazing jumpstart on success in school!

There is now a free app available on the App Store or Google play that easily allows you to keep track of the number of books read without having to use the reading sheets. Incentives stay the same and progressing through the program is just as easy and fun!

This program has no end date except your child's going to school, so don't feel rushed—just enjoy the experience! By reading just three stories a day, you and your child will have read over 1000 books in one year. You will also have shared many special moments and made many memories along the way. What you do helps your child get ready to read and to learn. You matter.

Happy Reading!



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