

Welcome to the Portage Public Library's 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM!

Did you know that reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost his or her brain power? The simple and enjoyable act of sharing books helps your child learn pre-reading skills such as understanding the sounds letters make, developing a bigger vocabulary, and building background knowledge—all important skills that help prepare your child for learning to read and entering kindergarten.

The Portage Public Library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a fun, exciting, and free way to start your child on the path to success!

Any child ages birth to five years can participate.

Just follow these steps:

1. **Register:** Sign up in person at the Children's Desk or online at portagelibrary.us. Pick up program materials at the library or print them from our website.
2. **Track Your Reading:** Fill in a circle for each book you read with your child on your reading record.
3. **Every Book Counts:** Even if your child wants to hear the same book again and again, you can count it each time. You can also count the books your child hears in story time, in daycare or preschool, or with a friend or family member, as long as your child listens to the entire book.
4. **100-Book Milestones:** Each time you read 100 books, bring your reading record to the library to receive a special sticker. Take home a new reading record for your next 100 books.
5. **500-Book Milestone:** Bring your reading record to the library to receive a special refrigerator magnet. Take home a new reading record for your next 100 books.
6. **1,000 Books:** You did it! Come celebrate at the library. Your child's name will be placed inside a new picture book in the library.
7. **Keep on Reading:** Don't stop at 1,000! Keep on reading together; there's more learning ahead!

Singing songs, saying rhymes, telling stories, and playing with your child are all great ways to build their literacy skills. Visit the library for free programs that are fun and educational for your little one and to find great books to share with your child.

One thousand books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book a night, you'll meet your goal in less than 3 years. If you read three books a night, you could reach your goal in just one year!

Happy Reading!



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My Reading Log



Child's Name: _____

Phone or Email: _____

Log ____ of 10

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By the end, you'll have read 100 books!

Have your child select books that appeal to their interests.

Children often enjoy the same book or story multiple times.

Be sure to count all the times you've read the story.

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