



## FAQ

### Who can participate in this program?

Any child who has not yet entered kindergarten.

### Can you really expect to read 1,000 books to your child before kindergarten?

Yes! Completion will take from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read.

Child's Age When 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is Started	Number of Books Read Per Day to Complete 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Number of Books Read Per Week to Complete 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
0 Years Old	1	4
1 Year Old	1	5
2 Years Old	1	7
3 Years Old	2	10
4 Years Old	3	20

### What books count?

Any time your child listens to a whole book it counts! It can be a library book, a book from home, a book read at story time, even an audio book or e-book. You can even count multiple readings of the same book. Multiple readings help to develop language skills.

### How do I register my child?

Stop by the circulation desk to sign up and get your first book log.



### Kutztown Community Library


70 Bieber Alley  
Kutztown, PA 19530  
610-683-5820  
[www.kutztownlibrary.org](http://www.kutztownlibrary.org)



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**BOOKS**  
**BEFORE KINDERGARTEN**

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## What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?

 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a program designed to help parents prepare their children for one of life's big milestones: kindergarten. Research has shown that children get ready to read years before they begin their formal education. An excellent way to get your child ready to learn is to read to them.

## Why should your family participate in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

### Love of Reading

Reading with your child and making it a special time together shows him that reading is valuable and enjoyable. You can start to develop a love of reading in your child from a very young age!



### Ready to Read

You are your child's first teacher and your home is where your child begins to learn. When you talk, sing, read, write, and play you are helping your child get ready to read!

Through reading aloud, a child:

- Develops background knowledge about a variety of topics
- Builds vocabulary
- Becomes familiar with rich language patterns
- Develops familiarity with story structure
- Acquires familiarity with the reading process
- Identifies reading as a pleasurable activity

*-Straight Talk About Reading: How Parents Can Make a Difference During the Early Years* by Susan Hall and Louisa Moats

## Appreciation for the Library

By coming to the library together, you can teach your child an understanding of how the library works, a respectful attitude towards books, and an appreciation for the wide range of stories that can be found at the library.



"The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children."

-U.S Department of Education,  
Becoming a Nation of Readers