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Welcome to the Lincoln 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.

Lincoln 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:** Download the Beanstack app. Pick up program materials at the library or print them from our website.
2. **Track Your Reading:** Use the Beanstack app to log books read. Digital badges will pop up at various levels to monitor progress toward the 1,000 books goal.
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 storytime, 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, visit the library to receive a special reward.
5. **1,000 Books:** You did it! Come celebrate at the library, see your child's name and photo (if desired) placed on the 1,000 Book Wall of Fame, and receive a free book.
6. **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 often for free activities and events that are fun and educational for your little one. While here, browse and check out great books to share with your child.

One thousand books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book each 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! Ask our friendly staff for suggestions—we're here to help you on your journey to 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

Happy Reading!



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