



# Welcome to the Hampton Falls Free 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? Research shows that 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.

**Hampton Falls Free Library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** program is a fun and free way to start your child on the path to success! Any child ages birth to five years can participate. Read whatever you and your child enjoy and set your own pace. The program ends when your child enters Kindergarten. Just follow these steps:

- **Register:** Sign up with Miss Leah at the Children's Desk. Pick up program materials at the Library. Registration is ongoing!
- **Track Your Reading:** Color, sticker, or stamp a shape on your reading record for each book you read with your child. There is space to write your favorites on the back of each 100-book log.
- **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.
- **100-Book Milestones:** Each time you read 100 books, bring your reading record to the library to receive a sticker, and post your child's progress on our 1,000 Books Wall. Take home a new reading record for your next 100 books.
- **1,000 Books:** You did it! Come celebrate at the library! With your permission, we will congratulate your child on our outdoor sign. Choose a new book to dedicate to the Library, and bring home a special prize!
- **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 storytime and other 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! Ask our friendly staff for recommendations, or refer to the suggested reading list included in your folder!*

**Thank you to the Friends of the Hampton Falls Free Library for sponsoring this program!**

*"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."*

*—Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis*



*You're never too old,  
too wacky, too wild,  
to pick up a book  
and read to a child."*

*—Dr. Seuss*



*"We lose ourselves  
in books. We find  
ourselves there too."*

*—Anonymous*



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