

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift."

- Kate DiCamillo



"When I say to a parent, "read to a child", I don't want it to sound like medicine. I want it to sound like chocolate."

- Mem Fox

"There is no substitute for books in the life of a child,"

- May Ellen Chase

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."

- Margaret Fuller

The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

Dr. Seuss





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WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

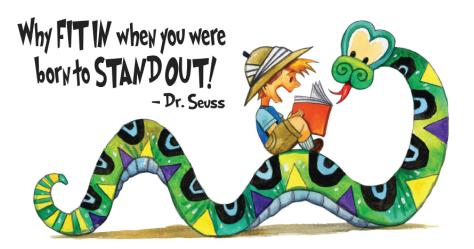
Experts believe that children need to hear 1,000 stories before they start kindergarten. We will help you achieve that goal, and celebrate you and your child every step of the way. Children of any age who have not yet started kindergarten - and their grown-ups, of course - are encouraged to participate!



ARE THERE RULES LIMITING THE BOOKS WE CAN READ?

No! Any book counts.

- Repeated reading (reading the same book over and over again) is more than okay: it's encouraged! Hearing the same story more than once helps children develop vocabulary and narrative skills, and knowing what to expect allows them to feel like part of the reading.
- While we hope that many of the books you read together will come from the library, books from your personal collection certainly count, too.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

 Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up the first Log Sheet or download it from our website.
 Each sheet has room for 100 books.



- Stock up on books! The Children's staff is here to support you; we have plenty of recommendations to share.
- Read with your child whenever and wherever possible.



 For each book that you read together, color in one of the little pictures on your Log Sheet. No titles necessary, and no deadline! As long as you reach 1,000 books before your child's first day of Kindergarten, you will accomplish the goal.



- When your Log Sheet is complete, bring it to the Children's Desk and exchange it for the next one. Your child will receive a small prize (sticker, bookmark, etc.).
- When you have completed Log Sheet 401 – 500, bring your sheet to the Children's Desk and you'll get to choose a free book.
- When you have completed Log Sheet 901 1,000..
 CELEBRATE! You did it! Bring your last Log Sheet to the Children's Desk and receive a free book.
- Don't stop reading! Each story you share will benefit your child.