

"... Experts tell us that children need to hear a thousand stories read aloud to them before they begin to learn to read for themselves. A thousand! That sounds daunting. But when we do the sums, it isn't as bad as we might think. Three stories a day will deliver us a thousand stories in one year alone, let alone in the four or five years prior to school. We can do it!"

~from Mem Fox's *Reading Magic*

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Parent Resources:

A few of the Books Available:
Reading Magic by Mem Fox

What your First Grader Needs to Know,
by E.D. Hirsch Jr.

What your Kindergartner Needs to Know,
by E.D Hirsch Jr.

Great Books for Babies and Toddlers, by
Kathleen Odean

Children's Book-A-Day Almanac, by Anita
Silvey

100 Best Books for Children: A Parent's Guide
by Anita Silvey

Websites and on-line resources

rif.org ... Reading is fundamental

Great monthly activities calendars

www.naeyc.org National Association for
the Education of Young Children

Friends of the Big Sky Library

45465-Gallatin Road
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730

1000 Books Before Kindergarten





Mission of the Program

The objectives of this program are:

- To **promote** reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers.
- To **encourage** parent and child bonding through reading.
- To help **prepare** your child to be Kindergarten ready.
- To **develop** life-long library users and readers.

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is designed to help parents prepare their children for one of life's big milestones: Kindergarten. Countless research studies have proven over and over that children get ready to read years before they begin their formal education....**And that the most important thing you can do as a parent to get your child ready to learn is to READ to them!**

How does the program work?

Who can sign up for this program?

Any child from birth until kindergarten. Completion will take from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read.

How do you sign up?

Just come into the library and fill out an application. You will get a folder for your child which will contain a reading log and informational book lists and suggestions. Every 100 books is a milestone and your child will receive a small prize and a log for the next 100 books.

Is it OK to read the same book over and over?

Yes! Kids love things that are familiar to them AND you are reading!

Quick Tips!

- * Take books everywhere (the car, bus, doctor's office), and make the most of every minute.
- * Read everyday items aloud: food labels, maps, menus, cereal boxes, road signs, catalogs, and newspapers.
- * Ask your local librarian to help you find books that meet your child's interests and needs.
- * Set up a home library. A few books on a special shelf is a great start. And it doesn't have to be expensive—used-book stores, yard sales, FOL sales —books that children will treasure for years.

Is 1,000 books an attainable Goal?

- 1 story every day for 5 years equals 1,825 stories!
- 1 story every day for 4 years equals 1460 stories!
- 1 story every day for 3 years equals 1095 stories!
- 2 stories a day for 2 years equals 1460 stories!
- 3 stories a day for 1 year equals 1095 stories!

WOW!

Reading 1,000 books to your child before Kindergarten can easily be reached!!

Library Appreciation

Visit the library regularly with your child. By coming to the library together, you can teach your child many things:

- An understanding of how the library works.
- A respect for books and materials that you check out.
- An appreciation for the wide range of books and resources that can be found at the library.

Questions, please call:

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