

"Children are made readers on  
the laps of their parents."  
- Emile Buchwald



The library is a fun place with books to check out,  
free programs, great reading suggestions and more!  
Stop in often and talk to your friendly library staff -  
we are here to help.

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*Growingwisconsinreaders.org* is an informative site with tips  
and practical instruction on how to get the most of your reading  
time with your child. Also, contains information on the  
development stages of children

[1000booksbeforekindergarten.org](http://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org) has even more resources to  
prepare your child for a lifetime of reading





The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (BBK) program is designed to help parents prepare their children for one of life's big milestones: kindergarten. Research projects have proven over and over that children are ready to read years before they begin their formal education. Reading together develops important pre-reading skills that provide a solid foundation for learning success. To encourage you in that endeavor, you can sign up your children ages birth to kindergarten for our reading program.

## Getting Started

Come to the library to sign up and get the information you need.

You can use the reading log we provide, to keep track of the books, or you can use the 1000 Books app.

Every 50 books, your child will be rewarded and once you have reached 500 books, your child will receive a prize, marking the half-way point.

To celebrate reaching 1,000 books your child will be presented with a book, and your child's picture will be put on the "Wall of Fame".



## What Books Count?

You can begin counting books on the day you register. You can count books read at story-time, books read by siblings and other family members, teachers, babysitters, etc; books from home or the library, books on CD, E-books – as long as they listen to a whole book you can count it. Books may be read more than once and recorded.

*1 book per day x 3 years = 1,095 books*

*10 books per week x 2 years = 1,040 books*

*3 books per day x 1 year = 1,095 books*

## About the App

The 1000 Books app is available at both Android and Apple app stores.

You can begin using the app at any time, if you have books already read, come to the library and we can override the app and get you caught up.

You can scan, search, or manually enter the books you've read into the 1000 Books app.

You don't need to visit the library to use the 1000 Books app, but we encourage you to participate in the library's program as your child will receive rewards as they reach reading milestones and you can take advantage of the resources available at the library.

