



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

The Montgomery City-County Public Library wants to invite all of our youngest patrons to participate in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

All children who have not yet begun kindergarten are invited to participate and aim to read 1000 books before beginning their schooling. Reading to your child from a young age gives an opportunity to bond with your child and creates learning opportunities that can prepare them for success in school and in life.

Keep track of the books read by coloring or decorating our fun reading logs and turning them in to your local MCCPL library. Any book read by parents, siblings, grandparents, librarians, or any other reader can count towards the total, even if you've read it before! The goal: to read 1000 books before Kindergarten.

Your child will receive a book at registration. For every 50 books read to your child, they will receive a prize sticker. At 250, 500, and 750 books, the child will receive a book to celebrate the accomplishment. At 1000 books, the child will be invited to a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten graduation ceremony and receive a book bundle for the achievement.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name: _____ Child's Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Preferred MCCPL Branch: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____





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PARENT/CAREGIVER INSTRUCTIONS

Dear parents/caregivers,

The Montgomery City-County Public Library invites you to participate in this free program which encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before they begin kindergarten!

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program is simple! Read (or reread) any book to your child. The goal is to read 1000 books with your child before they begin kindergarten.

If you read one book each night, you will have read 365 books in a year. You will reach 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years old, there is plenty of time to reach your goal if you work towards it. Persevere and reach the goal of 1000 books with your child!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **Read:** Reading with your child helps them to develop a love of reading, which will serve them well as they grow up. Reading with your child also serves as a great opportunity for bonding and can create life-long memories. **Track:** Keep track of the number of books that you read with your child and log your progress on MCCPL's provided reading logs by coloring or placing stickers. You could also keep a record of the titles and authors you read as a keepsake. **Submit:** Submit your reading log to your local MCCPL library. Your child will receive a small prize for every 50 books read and a large prize for every 250.
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can participate in this program?

Any MCCPL patron whose child who has not yet begun kindergarten. If your child has completed the program once, they can begin the program again, though they will qualify only for the small prizes.

How long will the program take?

The program can take anywhere from a few months to a few years. The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together with your child.

How many of my children can participate?

All of them, so long as they have not yet begun kindergarten. Read with the whole family and everyone can mark the book for their reading logs!

What are the prizes? Your child will receive a book at registration. For every 50 books read to your child, they will receive a prize sticker. At 250, 500, and 750 books, the child will receive a book to celebrate the accomplishment. At 1000 books, the child will be invited to a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten graduation ceremony and receive a book bundle for the achievement.

