WAYS TO MAKE READING FUN

- Point out objects, characters, and animals to your child. As they get older, have them point them out to you!
- Use different voices for each character.
- Tell a story using puppets or felt pieces.
- Paint or draw things from the book with your child.
- Encourage your child to imitate animals or other sounds in a book.
- Read the story to your pet.
- For stories featuring food, make the food.
- Act out the story with props from the household.
- For favorite, often repeated books, see how much of the book your child remembers by heart.
- Pause in the middle of a story, and predict what might happen next.

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WHAT IS 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN?

On behalf of the Plainsboro Public Library and the 1000 Books Foundation, we invite you to participate in this free program which encourages you to read 1000 books with your newborn, toddler, or preschool child before he or she starts kindergarten. This program is designed for children from birth to age 5. We hope the 1000 Books program instills a love of reading and an appreciation of the library in you and your child.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The concept is simple; the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your child starts kindergarten.

If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in 2 years and 1095 books in 3 years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Come to the Plainsboro Library Children’s Desk and register your child. You will receive your first Reading Log for your first 100 books, and you’ll be placed on our “Pillars of Reading” to track your progress.
- Read with your child. Studies have shown that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for bonding. Reading together is fun and will create life-long memories for the both of you.
- Return to the library when you finish a log, and we will update your progress on the Pillars of Reading. We will also provide fun prize incentives as you progress.
- When you reach 1000 books, we will commemorate the event by placing your child on our 1000 Books Hall of Readers.
- Siblings who read to their younger brothers or sister can come to the library to receive a prize for helping their younger sibling reach 1000 books!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Who can participate in this program? Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. You can begin the program at any time.
- How long will the program take? The program is self-paced. How often you read with your child will determine how quickly you progress. It can take a few months or a few years.
- What books count? Any book read to your child by you, a family member, a caregiver, a teacher, or library staff at our story times count. Ebooks and audio-books also count. Apps that tell or read stories can also count. Books can be repeated, so feel free to revisit favorites that your child loves.
- How many of my children can participate? All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten). Make it even more fun and read as a family! If you read to more than one child at once, the books count for all of them.