



Dear Parents/Caregivers:

On behalf of the 1,000 Books Foundation and Sanilac District Library, we invite you to participate in this **FREE** program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she starts kindergarten.

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 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think. So get started!

The key is perseverance. Make it exciting. When your child reaches a milestone, bring him/her to Sanilac District Library for a reward and we'll celebrate together.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- 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 both of you.
- Keep **track** of the titles of the books that you or anyone else, including siblings, read with your child. Make a record of what you are reading on our convenient reading log sheets. The journal itself will make a great keepsake item for your precious child.
- After every 100 books have been read, bring the log to SDL and we'll place a sticker on the completed sheet. Your child's name will be added to our Celebration Wall and we'll give them a book of their very own. After completing the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge, your child will receive a grand prize.

FREQUENTLY-ASKED-QUESTIONS

- Who can participate in this program? *Any child from birth until entering kindergarten may participate in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.*
- How long will the program take? *The program will take anywhere from a few months to a few years. The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together.*
- How many of my children can participate? *All of pre-kindergarten children may participate. Make it even more fun and read as a family!*