

## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

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Nothing is better than going to the library with a child and watching them stack high the books of their choosing to take home to read with someone they care about. The doors are opened to new lands, imaginations awakened, and most importantly skills are sharpened in those precious times of reading.

Now available at all five of the Madison County libraries, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten encourages families to read together in order to strengthen early literacy skills and independent reading. All families with children below the kindergarten age can participate.

Simply pick up a Rainbow Reading Log at any of the five Madison County Library System Libraries. Read together with your child and record the titles of each book read. Then, bring your completed reading log to the library to receive a prize and to place a personalized Way-To-Go Reading Leaf on the library's giant Reading Tree mural. Repeat these steps until 1,000 books have been read. Once complete, pick up a completion certificate, a board book, and an awesome jumpstart on success in school!

Although reading 1,000 books may sound impossible, if you and your child read only 3 books a day, you will complete this goal in less than a year. For more information, contact the Children's Specialist at your library.

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