

INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Parents & Caregivers:

The Taylor Public Library invites 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.

You do not need a Taylor Public Library card to participate and using books at home is just fine. The key is perseverance. Make it exciting. When your children reach a milestone, give him/her a small reward.

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 the both of you.
- Keep track of the titles of the books that you read with your child. The Library has some simple paper logs, but also has an electronic reading tracker.
Go to: <https://1kbooks.taylorreads.net/> Once here, you can register your reader and access this online record with your phone, tablet or computer.
- If you are able to, make sure to keep a record of “any” book that is being read to your child. This includes teachers and siblings.

FREQUENTLY-ASKED-QUESTIONS

- Who can participate in this program? *Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Again, library card is not required, but certainly encouraged.*
- 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 them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten). Make it even more fun and read as a family!*

Books Your Child Should Hear Before Kindergarten

- Asch, Frank: Happy Birthday, Moon
- Bang, Molly: Ten, Nine, Eight
- Barrett, Judi: Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing
- Barton, Byron: The Three Bears
- Bauer, Marion: How Do I Love You?
- Bergen, Lara: Dora's Sleepover
- Bemelmans, Ludwig: Madeline
- Bornstein, Ruth: Little Gorilla
- Brett, Jan: The Mitten
- Brown, Marcia: Stone Soup
- Brown, Margaret Wise: Goodnight Moon
- Burningham, John: Mr. Gumpy's Outing
- Burton, Virginia Lee: Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
- Campbell, Rod: Dear Zoo
- Cannon, Janell: Stellanuna
- Capucilli, Alyssa Satin: Biscuit Loves the Library
- Carle, Eric: The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Christelow, Eileen: Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed
- Chung, Arree: Ninja!
- Crews, Donald: Freight Train
- Cronin, Doreen: Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type
- Day, Alexandra: Good Dog, Carl
- Degen, Bruce: Jamberry
- Dorros, Arthur: Abuela
- Eastman, P.D.: Are You My Mother?
- Ehler, Lois: Feathers for Lunch
- Emberley, Ed: Go Away, Big Green Monster!
- Falconer, Ian: Olivia
- Feiffer, Jules: Bark, George
- Fleming, Denise: Mama Cat Has Three Kittens
- Fox, Mem: Where is the Green Sheep?
- Freeman, Don: Corduroy
- Gag, Wanda: Millions of Cats
- Galdone, Paul: The Three Little Pigs
- Gerstein, Mordicai: The Man Who Walked Between the Towers
- Goble, Paul: The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses
- Guarino, Deborah: Is Your Mama a Llama?
- Henkes, Kevin: Kitten's First Full Moon
- Hill, Eric: Where's Spot
- Ho, Minfong: Hush!: A Thai Lullaby
- Hoffman, Mary: Amazing Grace
- Holabird, Katherine: Angelina Ballerina
- Hutchins, Pat: Rosie's Walk
- Jenkins, Steve: What do you do with a tail like this?
- Johnson, Crockett: Harold and the Purple Crayon
- Juster, Norton: The Hello, Goodbye Window
- Keats, Ezra Jack: The Snowy Day



- Kimmel, Eric: Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock
- Kraus, Robert: Whose Mouse are You?
- Kraus, Ruth: The Carrot Seed
- Leaf, Munro: The Story of Ferdinand
- Lionni, Leo: Little Blue and Little Yellow
- Lobel, Anita: On Market Street
- Lobel, Arnold: Frog and Toad Are Friends
- London, Jonathan: Froggy Gets Dressed
- Martin, Bill: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
- Martin, Bill: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
- Mayer, Mercer: Frog Goes to Dinner
- McBratney, Sam: Guess How Much I Love You
- McCloskey, Robert: Make Way for Ducklings
- McKissack, Pat: Goin' Someplace Special
- McLimans, David: Gone Wild: An Endangered Alphabet
- McMullan, Kate and Jim: I Stink!
- McPhail, David: Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore
- Meddaugh, Susan: Martha Speaks
- Meltzer, Brad: I am Abraham Lincoln
- Noble, Trinka: The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash
- Numeroff, Laura: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
- O'Connor, Jane: Fancy Nancy
- Penn, Audrey: The Kissing Hand
- Piper, Watty: The Little Engine that Could
- Potter, Beatrix: The Tale of Peter Rabbit
- Rathmann, Peggy: Good Night, Gorilla
- Rey, H.A.: Curious George
- Rohman, Eric: My Friend Rabbit
- Rosen, Michael: We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- Rossetti-Shustak, Bernadette: I Love You Through and Through
- Rylant, Cynthia: The Relatives Came
- Say, Allen: Grandfather's Journey
- Seeger, Laura Vaccaro: First the Egg
- Sendak, Maurice: Where the Wild Things Are
- Seuss, Dr.: Green Eggs and Ham
- Seuss, Dr.: The Cat in the Hat
- Shannon, David: Duck on a Bike
- Shaw, Charles: It Looked Like Spilt Milk
- Simont, Marc: The Stray Dog
- Sis, Peter: Fire Truck
- Slobodkina, Esphyr: Caps for Sale
- Taback, Simms: There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly
- Wells, Rosemary: Noisy Nora
- Westcott, Nadine: The Lady with the Alligator Purse
- Wiesner, David: The Three Pigs
- Willems, Mo: Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
- Yolen, Jane: How do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?
- Yolen, Jane: Owl Moon
- Young, Ed: Seven Blind Mice
- Zion, Gene: Harry, The Dirty Dog

