



**1000**  
**BOOKS**  
**BEFORE KINDERGARTEN**

# What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?



- ★ 1000BB4K is a program that encourages and challenges parents and caregivers to share 1,000 books with their little ones before they enter Kindergarten.
- ★ The framework is based on the Summer Reading Program model; however, 1,000 BB4K is continuous and on-going.

# Why are we doing this?

To help parents and caregivers prepare their children for one of life's biggest milestones: **KINDERGARTEN**



- ★ Reading aloud is widely recognized as the single most important activity leading to language development.
- ★ When children from birth to 5 years old hear and enjoy 1,000 books, they are given a better jump start on learning to read once they enter kindergarten.

# Why does the library offer this?



- ★ Reading aloud to children develops critical early literacy and language skills, it develops their imagination and they have a greater understanding of the world around them
- ★ 1000 BB4K addresses a need for early literacy in Summit County
- ★ 1000 BB4K offers another avenue for reaching caregivers and their children **through our libraries**

Our goal is to reach 250 children in Summit County.

# Program Goals



- ★ Ensure kids have early literacy skills and enter Kindergarten ready to read
- ★ Support and inform parents about early literacy
- ★ Encourage parents to be their child's first and best teachers
- ★ Foster a positive connection to the library
- ★ Instill a lifelong love of reading in young children

When families have reached 1000 books before their child enters Kindergarten, they will have successfully completed the program.

In the spring we will have a special 'graduation celebration.'

# When Do We Start?



## Anytime!

Families can register, receive their book bags and start counting up books!

Throughout the year, families can register *anytime* as this is an ongoing and continuous program.

# Who Can Sign Up?



Caregivers of children ages 0-K sign up at their local branch and receive a brand new Book Bag which includes:

- ★ Welcome Letter
- ★ Reading Log and Information about Beanstack
- ★ Various Resources for Early Literacy
- ★ Lists of Recommended Books from 0-K
- ★ A Free Book!

# How Does it Work?

It's as easy as 1-2-3!



1. **Register:** Families sign up at their local Summit County Library Branch.
2. **Track Your Reading:** Track books read using the Beanstack app, a reading log coloring sheet, a notebook or whatever preferred method. **Every Book Counts:** Include any and all books read by caregivers, siblings, grandparents, preschool teachers, at bedtime, story time, and any time! And yes, the same book can be read and counted multiple times.
3. **100 Book Milestones:** For every 100 books read, children can come to the library with their reading records and receive their special rewards.



# The Power of Reading

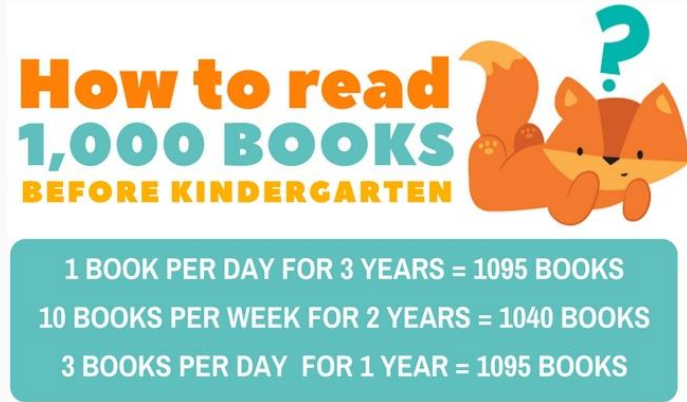


# Does 1,000 Books Seem Like A Lot?

Not really, if you think about it....

- If you read just **one** book a night, you'll meet your goal in less than **3 years!**
- If you read **three** books a night, you could reach your goal in just **one year!**

The key is... **perseverance.**



**How to read**  
**1,000 BOOKS**  
**BEFORE KINDERGARTEN**

1 BOOK PER DAY FOR 3 YEARS = 1095 BOOKS  
10 BOOKS PER WEEK FOR 2 YEARS = 1040 BOOKS  
3 BOOKS PER DAY FOR 1 YEAR = 1095 BOOKS

# 1000 BB4K Summary...

This program is for:

- ★ Any child from birth until they enter kindergarten.
- ★ Will take anywhere from a few months to a few years to complete.
- ★ Is self-paced and depends on how often the caregivers and children read together.
- ★ Multiple children can participate, provided they have not yet started kindergarten.

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# The Power of Reading



Kids who read 20 minutes a day take in 1.8 million more words each year and perform better academically.

20 Minutes  
per day



**1.8 million**  
more words per year

10 Minutes  
per day

622,000 more words

5 Minutes  
per day

282,000 more words