

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ♥ **Why is it so important to read to very young children?**
Developing literacy skills begins at birth and continues through toddler and preschool years. The best way to ensure a child has the skills necessary to learn to read is having someone read aloud to them. A well written picture book is three times richer in vocabulary than conversation.
- ♥ **Who can participate in this program?**
Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can join the program.
- ♥ **How long will the program take?**
The program is self-paced and will depend upon how often you read and how many books you read per day. It may take a few months to a few years.
- ♥ **How many of my children can participate?**
Any of your children who have not yet started Kindergarten can join the program. We encourage your whole family to read together.
- ♥ **Do we have to only read books from the library?**
No, you can read any books you want! Just remember to track them on your tracking sheet!
- ♥ **Can I count a book more than once?**
Yes! Record the book on the tracking sheet as many times as you read it! Repetition is very good for babies and toddlers!
- ♥ **Is there an App for that?**
Yes! Check out the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Apple App by the 1000 Books Foundation.



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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	9 AM— 6 PM
Tuesday	9 AM— 6 PM
Wednesday	9 AM— 7 PM
Thursday	9 AM— 7 PM
Friday	9 AM— 6 PM
Saturday	9 AM— 6 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

**Visit your library,
explore books,
bond with your child,
and get your child
ready to read!**



**Allegan County Library Association
& Allegan County United Way
Have Partnered to Present:**

1000 BOOKS

BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

TO ALLEGAN COUNTY FAMILIES!

**"Children are made readers
on the laps of their parents"**
- Emily Buchwald

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Dear Allegan County Parent,

You are **AWESOME** for joining this program. It is going to make a **HUGE** impact on your child. Did you know, as a parent, **you are your child's first and best teacher?** The Allegan County Library Association and Allegan County United Way have partnered to bring you an exciting **FREE** program to prepare your child for school:

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN!

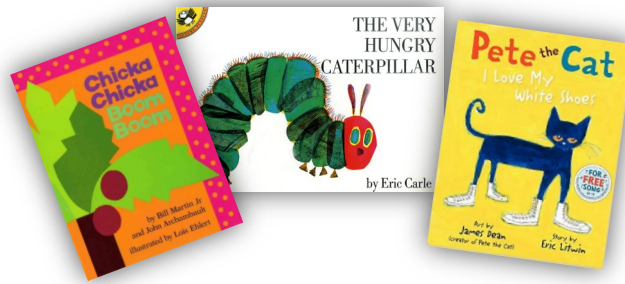
This program encourages you to read 1000 Books to your child before they start Kindergarten.

We hope you have a great time reading to your child!

YOUR CHILD LEARNS SO MUCH AT HOME!

The American Academy of Pediatrics promotes reading to children daily, beginning in infancy:

"Reading aloud with young children is one of the most effective ways to expose them to enriched language and to encourage specific literacy skills needed to promote school readiness."



WHAT DOES READING 1000 BOOKS LOOK LIKE?

One book each day for 3 years

OR

Ten books a week for 2 years

OR

Twenty books a week for one year

TALK SING READ

WRITE PLAY

with your child and
help them get ready to read!



"The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children."

- U.S. Dept. of Education -
Becoming A Nation of Readers



HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

1. Sign up at your home library and get your welcome packet and first tracking sheet.
2. Bring back your tracking sheet after you have read your first 100 books together and get your bookmark and sticker.
3. After each tracking sheet come back to the library for another tracking sheet.
4. Visit the library ten times throughout the program to pick up your tracking sheets!
5. When you have read 1000 books, return to the library for a special prize and photo opportunity/celebration!
6. Most importantly, **read for the fun of it** and enjoy the time with your child!