



“We Are More Than What You Think”

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

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 child starts kindergarten. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read 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 around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think (so get started)! We are here to help.

**Who can sign-up?** The program is open to any child who has not yet begun kindergarten.

#### **How does it work?**

**Register:** Stop by the Pinckney Public Library to pick up your child's information folder.

**Track your reading:** Every time you read a book with your child, mark off a shape on your reading log. Or use the free app 1000 Books Before Kindergarten on your smart phone.

**Show us your log:** Turn in your completed reading log to the Pinckney Public Library and pick up the next log. Or show us your phone if you are using the app. For every 100 books your child will get to place a special sticker with their name on it on the “Wall of Fame” at the library.

**Keep going:** Keep tracking reading until you reach 1,000 books. When you turn in your final reading log your child will receive a free book to keep!

#### **What books count?**

All books read aloud to your child count, including:

- Books they have read before (repetition is good!)
- Books read at library story time
- Books read at daycare or preschool
- Books read by an older sibling
- Books from the library, from home, from the doctor's waiting room, etc.

Whether you start when your child is an infant or when your child is four, you can do this!

<https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/>

Pinckney Community Public Library

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