

## What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

It is a reading program designed to help parents prepare their children for one of life's big milestones: kindergarten. Research has proven over and over that children get ready to read years before they begin their formal education. The most effective way to get your child ready to learn is to read to them. To encourage you in that endeavor, you can sign up children ages birth to kindergarten for this reading program.

## How You Can Register

Come to the library sign up with the children's specialist. You will receive your reading folder and a small gift.

## Why You Should Register

- Bond with your child **(Free)**
- Prepare your child to read **(Free)**
- Explore books at the library **(Free)**
- Be your child's first teacher **(PRICELESS!)**



### **Madison County Library System** [www.mcls.ms](http://www.mcls.ms)

#### **Paul E. Griffin Public Library**

116 Parkside Ave.  
Camden, MS 39045  
662-468-0309

#### **Canton Public Library** **Children's Specialist: Lacey McGraw**

102 Priestley St.  
Canton, MS 39046  
601-859-3202

#### **Flora Public Library** **Children's Specialist: Kayla Murchison**

144 Clark St.  
Flora, MS 39071  
601-879-8835

#### **Rebecca Baine Rigby Public Library** **Children's Specialist: Becky Bowen**

994 Madison Ave.  
Madison, MS 39110  
601-856-2681

#### **Elsie E. Jurgens Public Library** **Children's Specialist: Keaura Lawson**

397 Hwy 51  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
601-856-4536



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### **Appreciation for the Library**

Visit the library often with your child. By coming to the library together, you can teach your child an understanding of how the library works, a respectful attitude towards the books, and an appreciation for the wide range of stories children can find at the library.



### **FAQ**

#### **Who can sign up for this program?**

Any child from birth until kindergarten.

#### **Why is it important to read to very young children?**

Developing literacy skills begins at birth and continues through the 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.

### **Can you really expect to read 1,000 books to your child before kindergarten?**

Yes! Completion will take from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read.

Child's Age When 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is Started	Number of Books Read <u>Per Day</u> to Complete 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Number of Books Read <u>Per Week</u> to Complete 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
0 Years Old	1	4
1 Year Old	1	5
2 Years Old	1	7
3 Years Old	2	10
4 Years Old	3	20

### **What Books Count?**

Any time your child listens to a whole book it counts! It can be a library book, a book from home, a book read at story time, even an audio book or e-book. If your child asks you to read the same book five times, it counts as five books.



### **Love of Reading**

If a child is old enough to talk to, they're old enough to be read to! Modeling a love of reading at young ages helps children develop a love of reading that will help them throughout their school years and beyond. "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children."-U.S Department of Education, Becoming a Nation of Readers

### **Ready to Read**

You are your child's first teacher; and your home is where your child begins to learn. When you: talk, sing, read, write, and play you are helping your child get ready to read!