

# How it Works

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## Register

Register at the Library or online at [belmontpubliclibrary.org](http://belmontpubliclibrary.org)

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## Select Books

Come to the library and check out books to read or read books from home!

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## Log Books

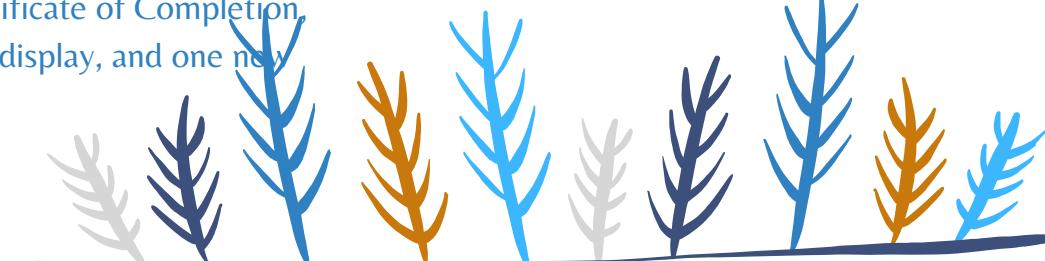
Log your child's process with the coloring log or by recording the book titles on the written log. Books read during storytime, at daycare, or at preschool count.

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## Collect Prizes!

At each of the following milestones, your child will receive:

- 100 Books: 1KBBK book bag & a new book
- 500 Books: Child's picture on special display & one new book.
- 1,000 Books: Certificate of Completion, picture on special display, and one new book.

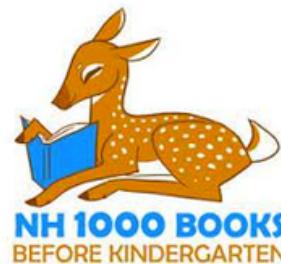


You made an excellent choice!

Reading together with your younger child is one of the best things you can do to give them a boost in life. The more unique words your child hears before kindergarten, the easier time they will have learning to sound out words when they learn to read.

Thank you for reading!

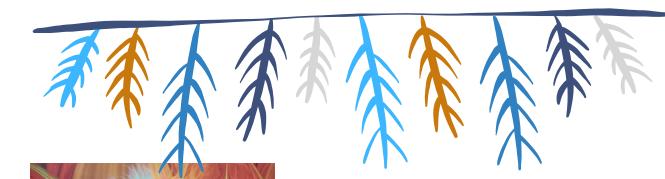
1000 Books Before Kindergarten (1KBBK) is an early literacy initiative that encourages families to read to their young children and to use the resources of their public libraries. The project is based on the national 1000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative. NH 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is sponsored by CHILIS and the NH State Library, and supported by the Center for the Book at the NH State Library, the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, the NH Academy of Family Physicians, and NH Family Voices.



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## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

### What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free nationwide program that encourages parents and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their child before they enter kindergarten.

Research shows that sharing books, conversations, and songs with young children builds language skills. This type of sharing contributes to children's healthy development, encourages parent and child bonding, provides skills children need to succeed in school and helps assure they become lifelong lovers of books.

### 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.

# FAQ

### Who can participate?

Any child who has not yet entered kindergarten.

### How do I register my child?

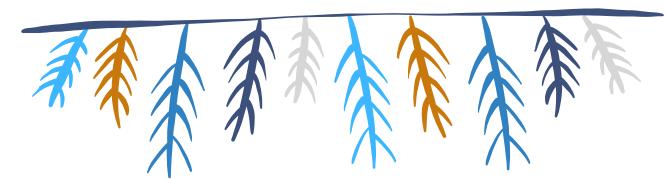
You can sign up online at [belmontpubliclibrary.org](http://belmontpubliclibrary.org) or stop by any service desk to sign up.

Each registrant will receive a tracking log, book suggestions, and more!

### What books count?

Any time your child listens to a book it counts! It can be a library book, a book from home, a book read at storytime, or even an audiobook or e-book. You can count multiple readings of the same book, too! Multiple readings help develop language skills.

"Reading aloud is the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading." - U.S. Department of Education,  
*Becoming a Nation of Readers*



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 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is started	Number of books read per day to complete 1000 Books Before Kindergarten	Number of books read per week to complete 1000 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

### Can my child finish early?

YES! You can finish any time before they enter kindergarten!