



# 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free, self-paced program that encourages you to read one thousand books with your child before they begin kindergarten.

- Reading aloud to your child is the best way to prepare them for reading and writing success in school
- The time before a child enters kindergarten is crucial for language and brain development, as well as for fostering a lifelong love of reading
- Reading also helps build social and emotional skills, sparks creativity and imagination, and promotes bonding

## GET STARTED

Register at the youth services desk or online at [mountvernonwa.beanstack.org](http://mountvernonwa.beanstack.org). You can log on paper, or use our digital Beanstack program to track.

Earn some prizes along the way:

Signup: bookmark & caregiver tips

Halfway: children's book

Completion: book bag

It's easier than you think:

- if you read just 1 book a day for a year, you will have read 365 books
- If you read three books a day for a year, you will have read 1095 books

