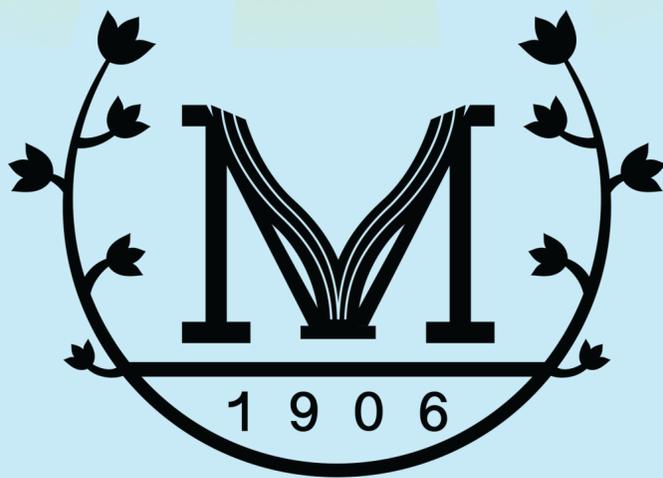


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## Welcome to the Madison Public Library's **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** Program!

Reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost his or her brain power. The simple and enjoyable act of sharing books helps your child learn pre-reading skills, understanding the sounds the letters make, developing a bigger vocabulary, and building background knowledge that help prepare your child to enter kindergarten and learn to read!

Madison Public Library's **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** program can start your child on the path to success! It's fun, free and open to children from birth to kindergarten. Here's how it works:

- 1. Register:** Sign up at the Madison Public Library and pick up the program materials
- 2. Track Your Reading:** Record each book you read with your child on your reading log or on the app "1000 Books."
- 3. Every Book Counts:** If your child wants to hear the same book again and again, you can count it each time. You can also count the books your child hears in storytime, at daycare or preschool, with a friend or family member, as long as your child listens to the entire books.
- 4. 100-Book Milestones:** Each time you read 100 books, bring your reading log to the library to receive a special reward.
- 5. 1,000 Books:** You did it! Come celebrate at the library, you will receive a free book to keep!
- 6. Keep on Reading:** Don't stop at 1,000! Keep reading together, there's more learning ahead! The program can be repeated once a year until your child reaches kindergarten.

Singing songs, saying rhymes, telling stories, and playing with your child are great ways to build their literacy skills. Visit Madison Public Library often for free, fun, educational programs for your little one-- and to find great books to share with your child.

One thousand books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book at night, you'll meet your goal in less than three years. If you read three books at night, you could reach your goal in just one year! Ask our friendly staff for suggestions-- we're here to help you on your journey to **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!**

Happy Reading!



# Introducing Your Child to Reading Before School Age



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You are your child's first teacher! Incorporate reading, talking, writing, singing, and playing into everyday activities.

## 0-12 months

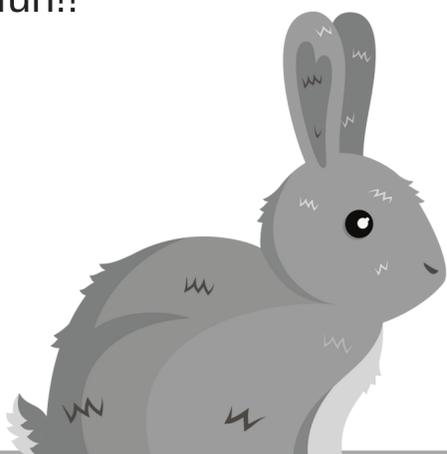
### Choosing Books

- Board books with photos of babies.
- Sturdy, brightly colored board books to touch and taste.
- Touch-and-feel books and high-contrast pictures
- Books with pictures of things they see everyday- balls, bottles, chairs, dogs.
- Small books sized for small hands



### Reading Tips

- Hold your baby on your lap while you read.
- Babies like board books, picture books, rhymes, and songs from the same book over and over; point at pictures
- Let your child take the lead. Let them open and close them, turn the pages, and stack them. You don't have to finish every book you start!
- Make reading a part of everyday!
- Make the story come alive and create voices for the characters.
- Keep reading when your baby crawls away- they may come back. If not, try again later!
- Have fun!!



## 12-24 months

### Choosing Books

- Sturdy board books they can handle and carry.
- Books that show children doing familiar things- sleeping, eating, playing.
- Goodnight books for bedtime.
- Books about saying goodbye and hello.
- Books with only a few words on the page.
- Books with simple rhymes or predictable text.

### Reading Tips

- Let your toddler move around while you are reading.
- Name the pictures (this is how they learn new words).
- Read labels and signs wherever you go.
- Toddlers like to read the same book over and over, a book at bedtime, to choose and hold the book, books about food/ trucks/ animals/ children, and books with minimal text.



## 24-36 months

### Choosing Books

- Books with pictures and names of many different things.
- Books with board pages, but also books with paper pages.
- Silly books and funny books.
- Books with rhyme and rhythm, and repeated text they can learn by heart.
- Books about children and families.
- Books about food, animals, trucks, dolls, and other favorite objects.

### Reading Tips

- Read labels and signs wherever you go.
- Keep different books around the house and let your children choose.
- Two-year-olds like to help turn pages, to fill in the words in the story they know, to point and name pictures, to hear the same book over and over, books that are silly, and animal books and noises.
- Run your finger along the words as you read them.
- Talk about the pictures. You do not have to read the text to share the story.
- Ask your child questions and let them ask you questions about the story.

## 3-5 years

### Choosing Books

- High quality writing and interesting or funny illustrations.
- Books related to their special interests and questions- including picture books meant for older children or adults.
- Books with patterns that invite participation in reading.
- Books with plots that pique curiosity about what will happen next.
- Books with ABCs, colors and shapes, and "what's wrong with this picture?"
- Books about children like themselves and those who are different.
- Books in their home languages and dialects.
- Books that engage their emotions with reassuring stories about characters who struggle with conflicts with friends, feelings of smallness or inadequacy, or feelings of being left out or different.
- Books that model positive behavior and clever solutions to problems.

### Reading Tips

- Have your child sit close or on your lap while reading.
- Ask questions about the story.
- Let your child tell you the stories.
- Make weekly visits to the library so your child can choose more books.
- Children like longer books that tell stories; books without words; alphabet and counting books; books about families, friends, and going to school; and a book at bedtime.

**Psst.! Download the app to record what books you read along the way!!**



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**Sing**



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**Chalk**

*Read 600  
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**Play-Doh**

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Picture  
Book**

*Read 1,000  
Books*

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**Book**

