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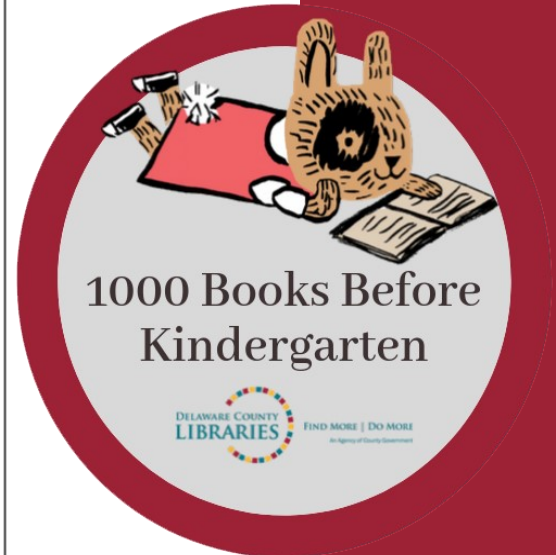
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1,000  
Books Before  
Kindergarten

## Program Basics

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a nation-wide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to read regularly with their children beginning at birth.

Take a look at how reading just 1 or 2 books per day gets your child to the goal of hearing 1,000 books before Kindergarten!

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

You can visit our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten webpage at <http://www.delcolibraries.org/1000-Books> for more information.

## Why Participate?

Research has shown that one of the most reliable predictors of school success is how often a child is read to during the early years. Reading to children from an early age can develop vocabulary, increase letter recognition and improve comprehension and narrative skills that are essential for learning to read. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and reading!



## Getting Started

Sign up at one of our participating libraries (see back flap) or participate on-line through Beanstack by visiting [delcolibraries.beanstack.org](http://delcolibraries.beanstack.org)

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