



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

**For newborns to
children not-yet-enrolled
in kindergarten**

An early literacy reading challenge for parents and children to build a foundation of reading together. 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is designed to give children the best start on their path to learning how to read.



Derby Public Library
1600 E. Walnut Grove
Derby, KS 67037
(316) 788-0760

Hours of Operation
Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1-5 p.m.
www.derbylibrary.com

Why 1000 Books?

Reading to preschool-age children builds vocabulary and language skills, while creating fond childhood memories and a love for books.

Listening to books read aloud helps prepare children with the ready-to-read skills they need for kindergarten. These skills are what librarians call early literacy. In as little as 15 minutes a day, families can build the foundation for future school and life successes.

How does it work?

- Register your child using the Google Form on your mobile device or computer. Or stop by the library and visit the Youth Services Desk.
- You can pick up paper logs from the Youth Services desk, through the drive-thru, or print them out at home. You can log books in person at the library or use the Google Form for logging your child's progress.



Registration Form



Log Form

Prizes

- 100 Books = A yellow book bag
- 500 Books = A prize book of your choice
- 1000 Books = A finisher t-shirt, backpack, certificate, and recognition on the Wall of Fame

Library Programs

Many of our library programs compliment the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten reading challenge.



Family Night

1st Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Come for a before bedtime sharing of books and music, followed by a family activity or craft in this evening themed storytime designed for children ages 3-7.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Party with your preschoolers at our 30-minute program for children age 3-5 with books, flannel stories, music, dancing, and puppet fun.

Baby Storytime

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Each week parents and their babies will share board books, rhymes, and action songs consistent with infant development during this 20-minute early literacy introduction to the library.

Building Blocks Read & Play

Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Enjoy a short storytime followed by a self-directed playtime with age-appropriate toys and activities geared for babies and toddlers walking to age 3.

Toddler Time

Fridays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

A 20-minute introduction to classic storytime elements, such as picture books, fingerplays, and music for you 1-3 year old.

Programs, events, and classes may be photographed or videotaped for library promotional purposes. Please notify library staff if you prefer not to be photographed.

FAQ

Who can participate?

Any child from birth to not-yet-enrolled in kindergarten.

How long will the challenge take?

If you read just one book a night, you will have read over 1000 books in three years. If you read three books a night, you will finish in about one year. It depends on how quickly you want to read, but this challenge is not a race. Just enjoy reading with your child.

Do I have to read 1000 different books?

No! Almost every child has a favorite book that they request to have read to them often. Every time you read any book, you can count it as one book read, even when you read the same book multiple times.

What books count?

Any book read to your child counts, whether you read it, a teacher reads it, or a librarian during storytime reads it. Every book counts!

How often is the Wall of Fame updated?

The Wall of Fame is updated and printed every September after the fall semester of school has started.

