



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Parents of young children: Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, are invited to join the Black Creek Village Library's "1000 Books before Kindergarten" reading program. This program is designed to encourage a love of books and reading to your young child.

Black Creek Library wants to help parents give their children a solid learning foundation before they start school. The 1000 Books before Kindergarten program encourages both parent and child to have reading and the public library become an integral part of their everyday lives.

HOW CAN I GET MY CHILD STARTED?

Interested parents should stop in at the Black Creek Village Library to register their child. Each child will receive a reading log where parents can keep track of books shared together. After reading and recording 100 books, participants are asked to bring in the reading log; where upon the young reader will receive a sticker to add to his or her book chart (displayed in the front of the library). Upon completion of reading 1,000 books, participants will receive a special prize and have their picture taken for the Library's 1,000 books wall of fame.

The American Library Association (ALA) has identified six early literacy skills:

1. Print Motivation

What this is: Being interested and enjoying books

2. Phonological Awareness

What this is: Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words

3. Narrative Skills

What this is: Being able to describe things and events and tell stories

4. Enriched Vocabulary

What this is: Knowing the names of things

5. Print Awareness

What this is: Noticing print, knowing how to handle a book and knowing how to follow the words on a page

6. Letter Knowledge

What this is: Knowing letters are different from each other, knowing their names and sounds and recognizing letters everywhere

WHAT DOES READING 1,000 BOOKS LOOK LIKE?

It's one bedtime story every night for three years,

OR

Ten books a week for two years,

OR

Twenty books a week for one year

(That's just 3 books a day!)

