



Grow a Reader: **The 1000 Books before** **Kindergarten Club**



Welcome to the **1000 books before Kindergarten Club!** This free program encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before he or she enters school. Experts say that reaching this goal will help children entering Kindergarten learn to read independently. One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. Reading together helps develop important pre-reading skills that provide a solid reading foundation – a key to school and learning success. Plus, sharing stories together is fun!

Here are the easy steps for participation:

1. Print the first reading log (books 1-100), or if you don't have access to a printer, **start a tally sheet of your own!**

2. Read together

3. Color a seed for every book you read on your 'Grow a Reader' Reading Log, **or on your DIY tally.** If you read a book more than once, you can record it each time.

4. When you finish 200 books, print the second log (books 200-400) or start a new tally.

5. Repeat steps 2-4 until you've read 1000 books!

6. Once the Library reopens, bring in your completed logs. You will be formally registered for the program, and will receive a prize for each level completed so far (200, 400, 600, 800).

7. After finishing 1000 books, your child will:

Receive a new book

Receive a completion certificate

Have their name listed on the Library website (optional)

Get an awesome jumpstart on success in school!

This club has no end date except your child's going to school, so don't feel rushed - just enjoy the experience! Take every chance you have to read with your children, tell and talk about stories, say nursery rhymes, sing songs, and attend Library programs. By reading just **three stories a day** you and your child will have read **over 1000 books in one year.** You will also have shared many special moments along the way. The Library is a fun place featuring books to check out, free programs and great suggestions for what to read. Stop in often and talk to our friendly staff – we are here to help. **Questions?** Contact Children's Librarian Megan Quigley at mquigley@columbiactlibrary.org. **Happy Reading!**

