



Elkins Public Library
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Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read, or the same story a thousand times!

- Mem Fox

1000 books tips:

1. **Keep it fun** – change your voice, make sounds, and laugh.
2. **Hold your child while you read.**
3. **Interact with your child** – ask lots of questions.
4. **Read books that interest your child** – try to find books that interest your child; when they get older, bring them to the library to pick out their own books.
5. **Make reading a daily routine** – make reading something that your child looks forward to.
6. **Repetition** – It's ok to read the same stories again and again. Your child will enjoy the repetition and become familiar with the way stories are organized.
7. **Keep track of your child's success** – Give your child praise after they listen to a certain amount of books – keep track on the reading log and celebrate by earning a prize.
8. **Always carry a book with you** – the best way to have children learn the habit of reading is to let them see you reading!



1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

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What is it?

1000 books before Kindergarten is a nationwide early literacy initiative that encourages families to read to their children and to use the resources available to them at their public libraries. Additionally, the program encourages family bonding through reading.

Why 1000 books?

This milestone is based upon research showing that the more children hear books read aloud to them the more prepared they are to learn to read on their own when they enter kindergarten. It's designed to be both challenging and achievable!

How can you read 1000 books?

1,000 books sure sounds like a lot, doesn't it? It is easier than you think!
1 book/day for 3 yrs. = 1000+ books.
10 books/week for 2 yrs. = 1000+ books.
3 books/day for 1 yr. = 1000+ books,
and EVERY book counts!
Repeats, story time books., etc.
Imagine how many books you can read with your child if you start right at birth!!

How does it work?

It's simple! Come to the Elkins Public Library to register for the program and get your first reading log. When you finish your reading log (100 books!) bring it in for your first book prize.

When you complete the program you will receive a book and a special reading buddy!



Who can participate?

Children from birth through age 5 are invited to take on the challenge! The challenge must be completed before the child turns 6 or enters kindergarten, whichever occurs first.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Story Hour

Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Tunes, Tales & Tumbles

Thursday at 10 a.m.

Outdoor Story Time

Thursday at 2 p.m.

To sign up for this program, call (603) 783-4386 or visit our website at

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday and Tuesday 9 - 5

Wed. and Thursday 9 - 7

Saturday 9 - 12

