

Welcome to the [West Perth Public Library's](#) 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM!

Did you know that reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost his or her brain power? The simple and enjoyable act of sharing books helps your child learn pre-reading skills such as understanding the sounds letters make, developing a bigger vocabulary, and building background knowledge—all important skills that help prepare your child for learning to read and entering kindergarten.

[West Perth Public Library's](#) 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a fun, exciting, and free way to start your child on the path to success! Any child ages birth to five years can participate. Just follow these steps:

1. **Start Your Reading:** Pick up a tracking poster and any program materials at the Library or print them from our website.
2. **Track Your Reading:** Colour in, or cross out, a stack of books on the tracking poster for each book you read to your child.
3. **Every Book Counts:** Even if your child wants to hear the same book again and again, you can count it each time. You can also count the books your child hears in storytime, in daycare or preschool, or with a friend or family member, as long as your child listens to the entire book.
4. **Keep on Reading:** Don't stop at 1000! Keep on reading together; there's more learning ahead!
5. **Share Your Journey:** We invite you to share your 1000 Books Before Kindergarten journey on social media. Tag us @westperthpl and use the hashtag #1000BooksB4K

Singing songs, saying rhymes, telling stories, and playing with your child are all great ways to build their literacy skills. Visit [West Perth Public Library](#) in person or online for free tips and programs that are fun and educational for your little one, and to find great books to share with your child.

One thousand books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book a night, you'll meet your goal in less than 3 years. If you read three books a night, you could reach your goal in just one year! Ask our friendly staff for suggestions—we're here to help you on your journey to 1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

Happy Reading!

