



Welcome to the Lucius E. and Elsie C. Burch, Jr. Library 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program!

Young children begin the process of learning to read long before they start school. Research indicates that reading aloud with a young child for just twenty minutes per day helps the child understand that letters make sounds, sounds make words, and words make stories and songs. It is never too early to read, talk, sing, and play with young children.

Who Can Participate?

- Any child from birth to the day they enter Kindergarten is eligible.
- For multiple children in a household, create a READsquared profile for each child under Kindergarten age.

How Does 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Work?

- Create an Account - Navigate to colliervillelibrary.readsquared.com or download the READsquared app and register each child under Kindergarten age.
- Track Your Reading - Using READsquared, record each book that is read to your child. Reading the same book multiple times counts each time! You can also count books read at library storytimes.
- Earn prizes - Every 200 books that are read and recorded earns your child prizes. Prizes include free books, activity booklets, and more and can be picked up at the library!
- Read More Books! Keep reading until your child reaches 1000 books!

Helpful Suggestions:

- Have fun! Reading together should never be a chore.
- If you read one story at bedtime each night for three years, you'll have shared 1,095 books. If you read ten books a week for two years, you'll have shared 1,040 books.
- Although we want to encourage you to visit the library, books do not have to all come from the library. Also read what you have at home.
- Read physical books rather than eBooks. Research shows that there are more benefits reading a physical book with children than with their digital counterparts!

REMEMBER, it is not a race, it's a JOURNEY. Enjoy the process!

