

**NH 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten follows a nationwide early literacy initiative that encourages families to read to their young children and to use the resources available to them at their public libraries. It is a fun, exciting, and free way to start your child on the path to reading!**

## Why 1,000 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!

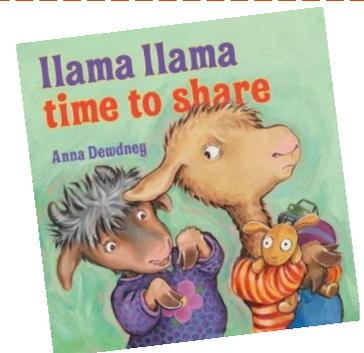
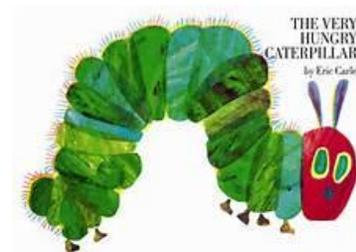
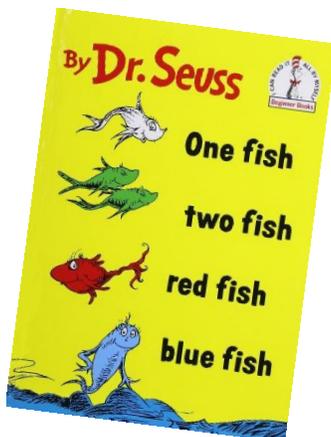


## Count every book your child hears:

Books you read—every time you read them

Books read to your child by others

Books read during storytime, daycare, and preschool



## How Can we Read 1,000 books?

1,000 books sure sounds like a lot, doesn't it?

It's easier than you think!

1 book a day for 3 years = 1,000+ books

10 books a week for 2 years = 1,000+ books

3 books a day for 1 year = 1,000+ books

And every book counts!

## Reading aloud to babies and toddlers...

- Builds listening, memory, and concentration skills
- Assists with language development
- Increases vocabulary
- Introduces concepts like letters, numbers, shapes, and colors in a fun way
- Teaches about the world around them

Inspires curiosity and wonder!

## How Does it Work?

It's simple!

### **Register for the program**

and get your first

### **reading log!**

When you finish your first 100 books come in to show us your log. We'll give you an achievement sticker, a new reading log, and your very own library book bag!

**After every 100 books you read,** come in for an achievement sticker and a new log. When you finish reading and recording 1,000 books, you will be given your "Certificate of Achievement", a special book to take home and have your picture taken for our "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Wall of Fame".



## Who Can Participate?

Bethlehem Public Library cardholders (parents and caregivers) with children ages birth to 5 are invited to take on the challenge! The challenge must be completed before the child turns 6 or enters kindergarten, whichever occurs first.

Want to participate but not from Bethlehem?

Check with the public library in your town or consider purchasing a non-resident card @ Bethlehem Public Library!

## Choose Any Book!

