

Hello Grown-ups,

Greenfield Public Library is excited for you to join our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program (1000 Books Before Kindergarten® is a registered trademark of the 1000 Books Foundation, used with permission). This program is nationwide to promote early literacy, help families form bonds with their little ones through reading, and build lifelong relationships with reading.

It may sound daunting to read 1,000 books in about 5 years, but if you read a book a night it will take three years. Or if you read three books a day it will take less than a year.

At the start of the program your reader will get an animal marker to track their progress on our Reading Farm wall at the library. In your bag you will find your first log (1-100), informational sheets, and a reading list to get you familiar with just a small portion of our catalog. Plus, each bag will have items to help supplement your child's learning including Natasha Wing's *The Night Before Kindergarten* as a piece of encouragement for the program and an activity book.

With each book read (including repeat reads and books read at story time, daycare, etc.), you and your little one can mark progress on the log by coloring a barn.

While the real reward of this program is more than a small prize, after each 100 books read you can stop at the library to grab a small prize, a new log, and your reader can move their marker up a level on our Reading Farm wall.

If you are interested in logging book titles, 1,000 Books before Kindergarten has an app of the same name for Apple and Android.

Have fun reading!