Year-Round Reading Program for Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers

What is it?

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a new program at Maxwell Memorial Library that promotes reading to babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. It encourages parent/caregiver and child bonding through reading. While 1,000 books may seem like a lot, remember reading just one book to your child a night for a year is already 365! Don’t forget that repeats count, so if your child has a favorite book that you read together over and over, each time you read it, it counts so write it down!

Earn Cool Prizes with Your Child!

We offer incentives to children who reach certain reading marks. For every 100 books read and recorded the child will receive a sticker and sometimes a small prize as well. To claim your prizes, submit your child’s completed reading logs to library staff. You will then receive your next reading log and a sticker or small prize. Your child will also have their name on one of our reading owls so we can track their reading on our 1000 books wall!