



McMillan Memorial Library invites you to participate in this **free** program that encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before they start kindergarten!

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The concept is simple: read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books!) before your little one starts kindergarten. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. With most children starting kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think!

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- ★ Stop in at the Children's Desk in the library to get started.
- ★ Read with your child! Studies have shown that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for **bonding**. Reading together is fun and will create life-long memories for the both of you.
- ★ Keep **track** of the books that you read with your child.
  - Color in each book on the provided bookmark for each book that *your child has read or been read to*. Each bookmark has 100 books in total.
- ★ **Turn in** each completed bookmark to the children's desk to receive a prize.

## FREQUENTLY-ASKED-QUESTIONS

- ★ Who can participate in this program?
  - Any child from birth until they enter kindergarten can participate in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.
- ★ How long will the program take?
  - The program will take anywhere from a few months to a few years. The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together.
- ★ How many of my children can participate?
  - All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten). Make it even more fun and read as a family!