



Comsewogue Public Library

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WHAT IS 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN?

It's a free program that encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before they start kindergarten. It's easy, fun, and a great way to bond with your young child. The time before a child enters kindergarten is crucial for language and brain development, as well as for fostering a lifelong love of reading. Although 1000 sounds like a lot - just one book a day adds up fast!

HOW IT WORKS

1. Read together: Any book counts!
2. Track your books: Use our paper reading log.
3. Celebrate milestones: Add a sticker to your log for every 100 books read and get a certificate at 500!
4. Finish strong: When you reach 1000 books, your child gets a medal and is added to our Wall of Fame!

WHY JOIN?

- Helps your child develop early literacy skills.
- Encourages a lifelong love of reading.
- Builds strong family connections through shared reading.
- Prepares your child for academic success.

HOW TO START

- Sign up in-person at the Children's Reference Desk and receive your log and a book to start your reading journey.
- Join us for library storytimes full of books, songs, and play! Check the calendar at www.cplib.org/jevents

FAQS

- Who can join? Any child who has not yet entered kindergarten is eligible to participate (Comsewogue cardholders only)
- How long does it take? It's up to you! Go at your own pace.
- Can I read the same book more than once? Yes! Repetition is great for growing minds.
- Do books have to come from the library? We encourage it, but any book counts!



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BOOKS TO GET YOU STARTED

A curated mix of classics and newer favorites to help families begin their 1000 Books journey.

BEDTIME, COMFORT & GENTLE STORIES

- Brown, Margaret Wise – *Goodnight Moon* | JP BROWN
- Haughton, Chris – *Don't Worry, Little Crab* | JP HAUGHTON
- McBratney, Sam – *Guess How Much I Love You* | JP MCBRATNEY
- Penn, Audrey – *The Kissing Hand* | JP PENN
- Rathmann, Peggy – *Good Night, Gorilla* | JP RATHMANN
- Yolen, Jane – *Owl Moon* | JP YOLEN

LAUGH-OUT-LOUD & SILLY FAVORITES

- Cronin, Doreen – *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* | JP CRONIN
- Feiffer, Jules – *Bark, George* | JP FEIFFER
- Klassen, Jon – *I Want my Hat Back* | JP KLASSEN
- Shannon, David – *No, David!* | JP SHANNON
- Stutzman, Jonathan – *Llama Destroys the World* | JP STUTZMAN
- Willems, Mo – *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* | JP WILLEMS

RHYMES, REPETITION & SOUND PLAY

- Degen, Bruce – *Jamberry* | JP DEGEN
- Cummins, Lucy Ruth – *Sleepy Sheepy* | JP CUMMINS
- Martin, Bill – *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* | JP MARTIN
- Rosen, Michael – *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* | JP ROSEN
- Seuss, Dr. – *Green Eggs and Ham* | JP EASY SEUSS
- Taback, Simms – *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly* | JP TABACK

ANIMALS EVERYONE LOVES

- Campbell, Rod – *Dear Zoo* | JP CAMPBELL
- Cannon, Janell – *Stellaluna* | JP CANNON
- Day, Alexandra – *Good Dog, Carl* | JP DAY
- Fox, Mem – *Where Is the Green Sheep?* | JP FOX
- London, Jonathan – *Froggy Gets Dressed* | JP LONDON
- Brett, Jan – *The Mitten* | J398.2 BRE



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BIG FEELINGS & SOCIAL SKILLS

- Emberley, Ed – *Go Away, Big Green Monster!* | JP EMBERLEY
- Harrison, Vashti – *Big* | JP HARRISON
- Hall, Michael – *Red: A Crayon's Story* | JP HALL
- Hoffman, Mary – *Amazing Grace* | JP HOFFMAN
- Krauss, Ruth – *The Carrot Seed* | JP KRAUSS
- Stead, Philip C. – *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* | JP STEAD

FAMILY, FRIENDS & BELONGING

- Cherry, Matthew A. – *Hair Love* | JP CHERRY
- de la Peña, Matt – *Last Stop on Market Street* | JP DELAPENA
- Flett, Julia – *We All Play* | JP FLETT
- Rossetti-Shustak, Bernadette – *I Love You Through and Through* | J BOARD ROS
- Rylant, Cynthia – *The Relatives Came* | JP RYLANT
- Woodson, Jacqueline – *The Day You Begin* | JP WOODSON

CLASSICS EVERY CHILD SHOULD HEAR

- Bemelmans, Ludwig – *Madeline* | JP BEMELMANS
- Keats, Ezra Jack – *The Snowy Day* | JP KEATS
- McCloskey, Robert – *Make Way for Ducklings* | JP MCCLOSKEY
- Potter, Beatrix – *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* | JP POTTER
- Sendak, Maurice – *Where the Wild Things Are* | JP SENDAK
- Slobodkina, Esphyr – *Caps for Sale* | JP SLOBODKINA

CURIOSITY, CONCEPTS & IMAGINATION

- Brown, Peter – *The Curious Garden* | JP BROWN
- Crews, Donald – *Freight Train* | JP CREWS
- Jenkins, Steve – *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?* | J573.87 JEN
- Johnson, Crockett – *Harold and the Purple Crayon* | JP JOHNSON
- Portis, Antoinette – *Not a Box* | JP PORTIS
- Seeger, Laura Vaccaro – *First the Egg* | JP SEEGER

This list is a starting point – any book your child enjoys counts toward their 1000 books!