

Chanute Public Library
1000 Books before
Kindergarten

The 1000 Books before Kindergarten Reading Program is to help parents prepare their children for one of life's big milestones: Kindergarten. Children get ready to read long before they begin their formal education. The most effective way to get your child ready to read is to read to them. You are your child's first and most important teacher. You know your child best and can work with them when they are in the mood to learn. What you do helps your child get ready to read.

To encourage you and your child along this journey, you can sign up for the 1000 Books before Kindergarten Reading Program. Children ages birth to 5 year old Kindergarten are eligible to participate.

How it works.

1. Enroll your child in the 1000 Books before Kindergarten Program in the children's department upstairs at the Chanute Public Library.
2. Receive a log for the first 250 books that you and your child read. After you finish the log bring it to the library for a small treat and get your next folder of log pages. Repeat this step and receive prizes at 500 and 750 books read.
3. After you record your 1000th book, your child will get to choose a book to keep for their own.

You may ask "How will I read 1000 books to my child?" If you took a full 5 years you could read 1 book every other day and still complete the program. If you only take 2 years it would still be fewer than 2 books per day. This small time commitment is well worth the advantage you will be giving your child.

We would like you to check out books for this program at the Chanute Public Library, however that is not a requirement. You can read books from anywhere—your home, Grandma's house, the Doctor's office, and daycare are a few examples. You can count a book more than once. If your child likes a certain book write the title down each time you read it.

We are happy to welcome you and your child to the Chanute Public Library 1000 Books before Kindergarten Program. Have fun reading!