

1,000 BOOKS before kindergarten

What Is It?

“1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” is a self-guided, ongoing early literacy program designed to encourage reading to babies and toddlers.

Studies have shown that families who start reading to their children at birth help strengthen their language skills and build vocabulary – two important tools for learning to read!

How Does It Work?

Reading 1,000 books before kindergarten is easier than you think! Any book read to your child counts, including books from storytime at the library or with the class in nursery school, and even books your child has read before. Try getting started by reading one book to your child each night, and watch the titles add up!

How Do We Get Started?

Sign up in person at the Gold Coast Public Library, and take home your first reading log. You can also download and print your own at www.goldcoastlibrary.org

Every time a book is read to your child, whether by you or someone else, write the title on your log.

When you reach 200 books, bring in your reading log to receive a small prize for your child. Do this for every 200 books you read. When you reach 1,000 books, your child will receive a book prize and a special certificate of completion!

What Should We Read?

At GCPL, we have great books children love, from timeless classics to popular bestsellers. Below is a selection of some of our all-time favorites. Need more suggestions? Come speak to one of our librarians – we are always happy to help you!



Gold Coast Public Library

50 Railroad Avenue
Glen Head, New York 11547
516-759-8300
<http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org>

My Reading Log

1,000 BOOKS before kindergarten

My Name: _____

My Library: _____

Log __ of 20

Challenge your family to read 1,000 books before Kindergarten - it's great way to have fun and motivate the whole family!

Help your child select books that appeal to their interests.

Children often enjoy repeat visits with the same book or story, so you may count the same book or story multiple times.

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My favorite story so far is:

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Kids: add a stamp, sticker or a drawing here!

Encourage interactive reading! Ask you child open-ended questions, explain to them the meaning of new words, point out familiar objects in illustrations that are talked about in the books your child reads.