1000 Books Before Kindergarten

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Hello!

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Session Objectives

• What is 1000 Books?
• Examples and Ideas
• Montana Librarian Panel
• Brainstorm!
What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?
Read 1,000 books to your kids before they start kindergarten!

- Promoting reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers
- Encouraging adult/child bonding through reading
- Encouraging early literacy development and brain development
Why 1000 Books Before Kindergarten for Ready 2 Read?

Easily Customizable and Scalable

No special materials required

Can be worked in with existing programming
That seems like a LOT!

One book each night:
1 year = 365 books
2 years = 730 books
3 years = 1095 books
How does it work?
Basic Format

Step 1 – Register participants in your program

Step 2 – Track books read and progress

Step 3 – Celebrate milestones and encourage participants!
Choosing a Theme

- This can help with planning!
  - “Growing Readers” – plant/flower/garden theme
  - “Animals” – forest theme
  - “Under the Sea” – sea creatures/ocean

- Can help you structure how you keep track of participants, as well as tracking methods

- Can also help with publicity!
Step 1: Register Participants

Recommendations:

• Most people seem to keep track in Excel/Google Spreadsheets
• Providing a registration packet/folder with tracking materials
• Having a webpage is helpful for posting all the program details
Example Participant Tracking

- **Microsoft Excel, or Google Sheets**

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<th>Child’s Name</th>
<th>Adult’s Name</th>
<th>Date Signed Up</th>
<th>Age at Sign Up</th>
<th>Contact Info</th>
<th>100 Books Read?</th>
<th>200 Books Read?</th>
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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________
Child’s Name: _______________________________________
Home Phone: ___________ Cell Phone: ___________
Email: _____________________________________________ Age: ___

**Reading Record:**

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<td>300 Books</td>
<td>600 Books</td>
<td>1000 Books</td>
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Example Registration Forms

Montclair Public Library, NJ

Example Registration Forms

Iowa City Public Library, IA

https://www.icpl.org/kids/1000-books
Example Registration Forms

Windsor Public Library

http://www.windsorlibrary.com/kidspace/1000booksbeforekindergarten/
Suggestions on What to Track in Your Program

- Child’s name, age/birthday, when they enrolled in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Guardian/adult’s name, contact information (whatever is most useful)
- When they hit significant book milestones (ex: 100 books, 200 books, etc)
Step 2 – Track Books Read and Progress

Create a reading log for people to track the books their children read!
Example Reading Logs

Get Hooked on Books!

Hook a Reader!
Books 1 through 100!
For each book that is read to your child by anyone, color or check off one fish.

How to Get Started
1. Read to your child!
2. Fill out your reading log each time you (or someone) reads to your child.
3. Return your reading log to the Woodward Memorial Library and your child will receive a sticker and their next reading log.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3.
5. After reading 1000 books your child will receive a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten t-shirt.

Remember
- All books that are read to your child count! (Ex. storytime, day care, nursery school, etc.)
- If your child has a favorite book they like to hear, each time you read it counts.
- This program is ongoing. It ends when your child reaches 1000 books or enters kindergarten.

Our Favorite Books Were:
1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________

Congratulations! You have read 100 books!!! Return this page to the Woodward Memorial Library for a sticker and your next reading log.

Woodward Memorial Library, NY

http://www.woodwardmemoriallibrary.org/1000Books.php
Example Reading Log
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Log

Reading Log

Color in one seed for every book you read. When you are done with this page, you have reached 100!

Favorites

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________
4. __________________________
5. __________________________

Plainsboro Public Library, NJ

Read 1000 Books before Kindergarten!

Child’s name: ___________________ Age: ________

My 10 favorite books:

_________________________  __________________________
_________________________  __________________________
_________________________  __________________________
_________________________  __________________________
_________________________  __________________________
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_________________________  __________________________
Suggestions for Reading Logs

▷ Can use the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten log, premade and ready to go!

▷ Write in title, or check box/fill in bubble?

▷ Paper seems to be general trend
Non-Paper Tracking Options

- App developed by 1K Books Before Kindergarten
- Other options (Billings Public Library uses Read Squared)
- Great Reading Adventure – Open source, web-based
Step 3 – Celebrate Milestones

How do you want to celebrate reading progress?
Milestones and Prizes

- Every 100 books is most popular
- Prizes can be whatever you want!
Every 100 Books = sticker and “special reward” from treasure chest

1,000 Books = Child’s name on Book Wall of Fame!
Milestones at 100, 300, 500, 700, 1000

1000 Books = Family Invitation to a Reception and Party
Milestones every 100 books

Special prizes at 500 books, and 1000 books
Milestones every 100 books

100 – 400: Sticker
500: sticker and small prize
600 – 900: Sticker
1000 Books: Sticker and Book

Each year, all children who reached 1000 are invited to a graduation party
Other things to consider
Marketing and Publicity

▷ Create a website!

▷ Mention it at storytime/events!
  ○ Tell parents to color in their log after the storytime!

▷ Adults can REREAD books to children

▷ Having a permanent library display
Webpage Suggestions

▷ Steal from existing websites!
▷ 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Website is also a great place to steal from

List websites to look at:
1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Montana Panel
Panelists

- Andy Hayes
- Cindy Patterson
1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Brainstorm
Questions to Consider

▷ What would you like to accomplish with your 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program?
▷ Who could you partner with in your community?
▷ What themes/ideas could you use?