Fletcher Free Kids

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Fletcher Free Library is proud to participate in **1000 Books Before Kindergarten.** This nationwide initiative encourages reading to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to foster a love of books and prepare them for school.

How Does It Work?

- Read a book (any book!) to your child. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That's 730 books in two years, and 1095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think!

What Do I Do?

- Read with your child. Studies have shown that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for bonding--and it's fun!

- Every time you read a book with your child, help your child color in a book on their log sheet.

- Optional: keep track of the titles of the books that you read with your child. Convenient "Books I've Read" log sheets are included in the reading log book.

- If you are able to, make sure to keep a record of *any* book that is being read to your child. This includes books read by teachers, caregivers and siblings.

- Bring your child to the library with their reading log book at each milestone (after every 50 books) for a special achievement sticker.

Do I Have to Read 1000 *Different* Books?

- No! In fact, children benefit from hearing a book over and over again. But if you need some variety, ask your librarian for recommendations.

Questions?

- Feel free to call or visit the Fletcher Free Library for book suggestions and a library card: 802.865.7216.

www.1000booksbeforekindergarten.org