

### What is the program?

“1000 Books Before Kindergarten” is a nationwide program designed to help parents and/or caregivers prepare their children for kindergarten by reading together, preferably every night.

### How does it work?

Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, toddler, and/or preschooler. The program is self-paced and can take a few months to a few years. The goal is to read 1,000 books (and yes, you can repeat books!) before your child begins kindergarten.

### Why should I participate?

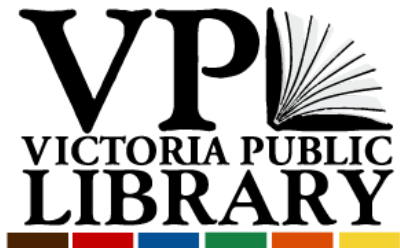
To bond with your baby through reading and to promote early literacy. Reading has been identified as an early indicator of academic success with a direct link between how many words a baby hears each day to their language skills. It also builds intimacy and life-long memories between parents/caregivers and a child.

### How long does it take?

If you read one story at bedtime every night, you will have read 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. Don't forget, reading the same book over again counts!

### Will the library help us?

Thanks to donations from local benefactors the Victoria Public Library is able to provide this program free of charge to parents and young readers. Participation in many of our programs, such as Storytime, will help you reach your goal faster. We often read 2 books during every Storytime.



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# 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



## Books 1-100


## Read

Reading can be done outside of a book. As you walk with your child, help draw their attention to print all around you. Look for letters on signs, license plates and billboards to gain print awareness skills.

