

Welcome to the Beaver County Library System's "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program! The program encourages you to read 1,000 books to your child before they enter school. The program is self-paced and lets you decide how often and how long you read to your child.



Goal of the program:

- Encourage families to read aloud with their children
- Introduce children to a variety of books and promote early literacy
- Reinforce parents' role as their child's first teacher
- Encourage families to regularly use the library for lifelong learning

How it works:

- Read books to your child and record each title on the reading log or through the Beanstack app. Books may be read and recorded more than once. Books read at story times, daycare centers, preschools, or by others may also be counted.
- Return completed reading logs to any Beaver County Library location to receive a sticker and your next reading log. You can also print logs from our website @ www.beaverlibraries.org. Or keep track on the Beanstack app and let your librarian know when you have completed the program!
- When you finish 1,000 books, you will receive a certificate and a gift. But, most importantly, your child will have a jumpstart on school success!



Read with your child & build these 6 early literacy skills

1. Vocabulary - Knowing the names of things
2. Print Motivation - An interest in & enjoyment of books
3. Print Awareness - Noticing print everywhere; knowing how to handle a book & how to follow the words on a page
4. Letter Knowledge - Knowing that letters have names & are different from each other, & that specific sounds go with specific letters
5. Phonological Awareness - Being able to hear & play with the smaller sounds in words
6. Narrative Skills - Being able to describe things & events & tell stories

START AT ANY AGE

Child's age at start of program	Number of books to read per day to complete program	Number of books to read per week to complete program
0	1	4
1 year	1	5
2 years	1	7
3 years	2	10
4 years	3	20

