



Dear Parents/Caregivers:

On behalf of the 1,000 Books Foundation, we invite you to participate in this **free** program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she starts Kindergarten.

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before he or she starts Kindergarten. If you read just one book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at 5 years of age, you have more time than you think!

We think you will find that your reading time together will become your favorite time of day. When your child reaches a milestone, every 100 books, be sure to stop by the Library for a milestone sticker and prize.

## **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

- Register at the Library's Circulation Desk. Pick up your log, stickers, and recommended reading lists.
- Read with your child. Studies have shown that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for bonding. Reading together is fun and will create lifelong memories for both of you.
- Use our convenient reading log sheets and stickers to keep track of how many books you have read. Bring your log to the library at each milestone (100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, and 1,000 books) to receive a sticker and prize.
- Any child who reaches 1,000 books will be invited to a BCCLS-wide party.
- There is no start or end date for this program. Just read with your child and ENJOY!

## **FREQUENTLY-ASKED-QUESTIONS**

- Who can participate in this program? *Any child from birth until he or she enters Kindergarten can participate in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.*
- How long will the program take? *The program will take anywhere from a few months to a few years. The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together.*
- Can I repeat books? *Yes, each reading of a book counts toward the program.*