



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Anne Arundel County Public Library encourages families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their children before they enter kindergarten. Reading aloud to children from birth helps strengthen language skills and build vocabulary — two important tools for learning to read.

It's easy to reach this important milestone:

- 3 books a day for 1 year = 1,095 books
- 1 book a day for 3 years = 1,095 books

You can read the same book over and over, or even read books in other languages. Library storytimes count, too!



How to Register

Register online using the Anne Arundel County Public Library app or visit aacpl.beanstack.org. You can also register at any library branch.

Track Your Reading: Each time you read a book with your child, log it on your online reading log (or paper log which will be provided if you register in person at a library branch.)

Show us Your Reading Logs: After 25 books, visit a library to pick up a small prize. When you reach the 100 books badge, bring in your reading log to get a tote bag to carry all the books you're reading! At each 100 books badge, you can visit the library for a sticker.

Read More Books! When you get all the way to 1,000, you'll receive a new book to take home – and keep!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My child likes to read the same book over and over again. How do I count that?

You log each book you read to your child. If you read the same book 10 times, just log the book ten times.

Can I count books that are read to my child in school, or by a nanny or day care provider?

Yes, any book that is read to your child by anybody counts.

Do the books have to be library books?

No, any book you read counts, whether it's a library book, your own book, your friend's book, etc.

What if a child can read before starting kindergarten? Does it count when children read books by themselves?

Reading is an important activity for adults to do with children, so if your child reads to you, that counts too!

My child likes to listen to books on the computer/iPad/eReader/etc.

Can I count them?

As long as your child listens to the whole book, it counts.



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Educate. Enrich. Inspire.

More questions? Call or stop by any library branch or visit us online at www.aacpl.net