

HPLD's early literacy services include story times, family programs, activity centers, and high-quality library collections. Through these services, we strive :

- to be an effective resource for parents and caregivers in order to help children enter kindergarten ready to learn.
- to provide early literacy environments that invite curiosity by embedding the practices of Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing, and Playing in our spaces.
- to have staff well-trained in effective, research-based early literacy practices.
- to meet families at their point of need.

Carbon Valley Regional Library

7 Park Avenue, Firestone

Centennial Park Library

2227 23rd Avenue, Greeley

Erie Community Library

400 Powers Street, Erie

Farr Regional Library

1939 61st Avenue, Greeley

Kersey Library

413 1st Street, Kersey

Lincoln Park Library

1012 11th Street, Suite B, Greeley

Outreach

2650 W. 29th Street, Greeley

Riverside Library

3700 Golden Street, Evans

www.MyLibrary.us 1-888-861-READ(7323)



Parent Guide to 1000 Books Before Kindergarten



Reading with your child is the single most important activity you can do to help your child get ready to read. Reading to preschool-age children builds vocabulary, language skills, and helps prepare them with the skills they need for Kindergarten. In as little as 15 minutes a day, families can build the skills for future school and life success.



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 life-long memories for the both of you.

You already have your first reading log.

Each time you read a book with your child, color in a star on the reading log. Older siblings are encouraged to participate by reading as well! For special recognition, simply write their names on the line below the numbered stars every time they read a book to the younger child.

Show us your reading logs.

Bring your completed reading log back into the library. Your child will receive a new log and a special prize each time you finish reading 100 books.

Keep on Reading

When you reach 1,000 books, your child will receive a certificate, a book to keep, and a 1,000 book finisher's window-decal to proudly display on a car or home window. The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless!

YOU MIGHT BE WONDERING...

Who can participate?

All babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with their family/caregivers.

How can you read 1000 books to your child?

In as little as 15 minutes a day! The average picture book takes just 5 minutes to read, AND 3 books a day (just 15 minutes) for 1 year = 1,095 books.

Do we need to read certain books?

No, but if you want book recommendations our library staff would be happy to share ideas.

What if my child wants to read the same book over and over?

Every book you read counts. Since repetition is a key to learning, it is okay to read a book more than once, but also remember to introduce new books.

Do I have to read books from the library?

You can read books from anywhere, not just library books.

Can I log the books my child hears in storytime?

Yes! Any and every book your child hears counts for this program.

Does digital content (Unite for Literacy, Tumblebooks, book apps or ebooks) count?

Yes, digital stories can be counted in the reading log. Check out UniteforLiteracy.com for books narrated in English, Spanish, and 17 other languages. Remember though, some sites offer digital content which is more of an activity or a game, rather than a story to be read. Activities and games are fun, but fall outside of the goals of this project.

My child doesn't always listen to the whole book. Can I still count it?

Yes, of course. Reading is meant to be fun. Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers have varying attention spans and not all books will interest all readers. Sharing books together in the early years is about connection, book awareness, vocabulary, and play. It's ok to just talk about the pictures or move on before you get to the end of the book. Just be sure to share those books with your child, whichever way works for both of you.

My child likes to move and won't sit still for a book.

This is totally normal. Young children like to explore and play. Reading aloud while they are playing nearby still builds their literacy and vocabulary skills as they hear new words said aloud. Singing a book can also be a great way to engage a young mover in a book.