

One Thousand Books Before Kindergarten **1KB4K** Help Your Child Get Ready to Read!

Developing literacy skills begins at **birth** and continues through the toddler and preschool years. The best way to be sure that your child has the skills needed to learn to read is to have someone read aloud to them.

***** Children who are read to start stronger in school. *****

One thousand books sounds like a lot, but if you read only one bedtime story every night for three years you will have read **1095!** Read 10 books a week for two years and you will have read **1040!** If you read just three books every day for a year you will have read **1095** books!

1KB4K: It's free. It's fun. It's important.

Who can join?

Families with preschool children **birth through age 6**. Register each child individually and then you can log books individually for each child or log for all readers at the same time.

How to sign up:



- **CLICK HERE:** <https://communitylibrary.beanstack.org>, to use **Beanstack**, the software server for our 1KB4K program.

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

- Or, stop by the Children's Desk at the library.

When you sign up:

- Come to the library to receive a 1KB4K journal and a **free book** for your child to keep.
- After each 100 books, your child gets a **sticker**.
- When you have read 500 books, your child will receive a **1KB4K T-shirt** and another **free book**.
- When you complete 1000 books your child will receive **a third book, a completion certificate and a special prize!**

How does the program work?

Sign up your child and start reading. After first registering for the 1KB4K program through the library's web link to 1KB4K, you may download the **Beanstack Tracker** app through the App Store or Google Play. Then log in each book read by either 1) on the library's 1KB4K (**Beanstack**) site, 2) on the **Beanstack Tracker** App or 3) use the pages in your 1KB4K journal and bring them to the library and we will log them for you. **Any book read to your child counts!** If your child attends a library storytime, count those books, too. Any book read multiple times counts multiple times.

If you are using the journal pages in your binder, after each 100 books, get new journal pages by stopping by the Children's Desk. If you log the books on the **Beanstack** site you can print the list anytime you want. **Read to your child early and often.**