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Yes, please! Find us on Facebook and keep us updated on your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten journey!

• Share simple text updates.



• Send us pictures of you and your child enjoying a story together.

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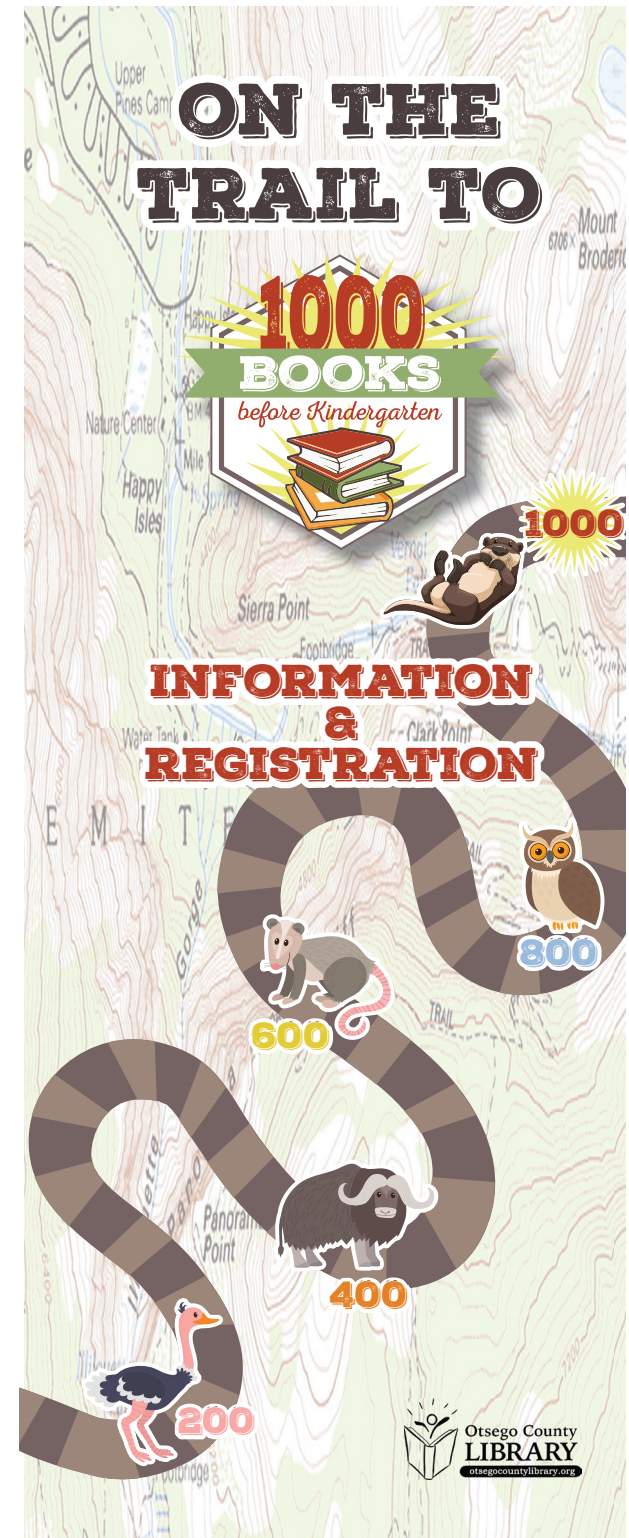


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WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a program that promotes reading aloud at home during early childhood. Research shows that it is the most reliable predictor of school success, and the program is based on positive results in communities across the nation.

ARE THERE RULES LIMITING THE BOOKS WE CAN READ?



No! Any book counts.

- Repeated reading (reading the same book over and over again) is more than okay: it's encouraged! Hearing the same story more than once helps children develop vocabulary and narrative skills, and knowing what to expect allows them to feel like part of the reading.

- While we hope that many of the books you read together will come from Otsego County Library, books from your personal collection certainly count, too.

CAN MY CHILD'S OLDER SIBLINGS PARTICIPATE, TOO?



Absolutely!

Any older child who reads with a "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten participant" is a Reading Ranger. A Reading Ranger (RR) who reads at least 35 books will also receive prizes.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Stop by the Circulation Desk to register your child and pick up the first Log Sheet. Each sheet has room for 200 books.

- Stock up on books! The library staff is here to support you; we have plenty of recommendations to share.

- Read with your child whenever and wherever possible. Take a look at this chart to determine how many books you'll need to read, based on your child's age at the start of the program:

Child's Age	Number of Books to read per day (at the very least) to complete the program
0-2	1
3	2
4	3

- For each book that you read together, color in one of the little pictures on your Log Sheet. **No titles necessary, and no deadline!** As long as you reach 1,000 books before your child's first day of Kindergarten, you will accomplish the goal.

- When your Log Sheet is complete, bring it to the Circulation Desk and exchange it for the next one. Your child will receive a small prize and recognition.

- When you have completed Log Sheet 801-1,000...CELEBRATE! You did it! Bring your last Log Sheet to the Circulation Desk to receive a special graduation prize.

- Don't stop reading!
Each story you share will benefit your child.



REGISTRATION

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Child (ren):

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