Did you know that reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost his or her brain power? The simple and enjoyable act of sharing books helps your child learn pre-reading skills such as understanding the sounds letters make, developing a bigger vocabulary, and building background knowledge—all important skills that help prepare your child for learning to read and entering kindergarten.

**Quick Links**

www.cliftonpl.org  
www.1000booksbeforekindergarten.org  
www.palsplus.org  
Twitter: @CliftonLibChild
Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

On behalf of the Clifton Public Library, we invite you to participate in this free program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she begins kindergarten.

#### Program Overview

The concept is simple, but the rewards are priceless.
- Read a book (any book to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler).
- The goal is to read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books!) before your child starts kindergarten.
- Does it sound hard? If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read 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 around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think (so get started).

#### How to Participate

1. Register your child at the Clifton Public Library and pick up a folder. Each folder will contain a log, suggested booklist, and early literacy tips.
2. Start logging your books either on the paper log or on the app (see instructions to download the app in the enclosed sheet).
3. Bring your log to the Clifton Public Library at each milestone (100 books, 200 books, 300 books, 400 books, 500 books, 600 books, 700 books, 800 books, 900 books, 1,000 books).
4. When completing 1,000 books, your child will be honored on our train displayed in the Children's Room and it will also be posted on our Twitter page.
5. Don’t stop at 1,000! Keep on reading together there’s more learning ahead! Just remember to have fun!

#### Frequently Asked Questions

**Who can participate in this program?**

Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten.

**How long will this program take?**

The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together.

**How many of my children can participate?**

All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten). Make it even more fun and read as a family.

**Do you have to read books from the library?**

No, you can read books from anywhere. Just remember to log them. Don’t forget that books from the library’s story times count as well!

**Can I count books more than once?**

You can! Record the book as many times as you read it!