Literacy Tips

Use simple props such as a stuffed animal to tell a story. Use silly voices for different characters and ask your child to join in.

Play together! Many activities are great for developing motor skills and hand-eye coordination that children need for writing.

Let your child experiment with writing utensils such as pencils, crayons, markers, and chalk. This encourages them to make scribble-like strokes that will later help in forming letters.

How long does it take to reach 1000 books?

1 book/day - finish in 3 years

3 books/day - finish in 1 year

This is an ongoing program. The only requirement is that you finish before your child starts kindergarten. There is no rush!

Reading Milestones

Once you've read 100 books, bring your reading record into the Youth Services desk for a special reward. When you hit the 500 and 1,000 book milestones, you'll receive a larger prize.

Want more information on 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and other early literacy programs? Come visit the Youth Services desk!

This program is provided through a generous donation from the Friends of the Bloomingdale Library.

BLOOMINGDALE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

101 Fairfield Way
Bloomingdale, IL 60108
(630) 924-2740 | www.mybpl.org

1000 BOOKS
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

@

BLOOMINGDALE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Did you know that reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost their 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.

Experts recommend children hear at least 1,000 stories before they start to learn to read themselves. Families who read aloud to their children strengthen their language skills and build their vocabulary. Start your child's love of learning today!

How does it work?

- Any child residing in Bloomingdale is eligible from birth to the day they enter kindergarten.

- Sign up on our website or in person at the Youth Services desk.

- Each time you read a book with your child, record your progress on your reading log or on our website.

- Books we read at BPL storytimes, books read in preschool, audiobooks, and eBooks all count toward 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. You can also count books you read over and over again!

- Come to the Youth Services desk regularly to celebrate your progress!