

## An Invitation

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

On behalf of the Guttenberg Library and the Guttenberg Foundation, 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.
- The goal is to read 1,000 books before your child starts kindergarten.
- Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant and/or toddler. (Yes, you can repeat books.)

### Does it sound hard?

This is an ongoing program, and most children will take at least 3 years to reach 1000 books. 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!

The key is dedication.

Make it exciting.

Make it a special time of sharing.



## How to Get Started

1. Register your child at the Guttenberg Public Library. Pick up your registration folder.
2. Start logging your books on the paper log. Write down the names of your 2 favorite books.
3. Bring your log to the Guttenberg 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) we will celebrate your child's success and present a small reward.
4. Any child who reaches 100 books will receive a bookbag.
5. A special award will be given when any child reaches 300, 500, 700.
6. When a child meets the 1000 goal he or she will receive a certificate and a free book.
7. Any child who has reached 1,000 books will have his or her picture taken (with your permission) and it will be posted on the Wall of Fame in the library.
8. Remember: Just read with your child and ENJOY!

## Frequently Asked Questions



- **Who can participate in this program?**  
Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate.
- **How long will the 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 we have to read books from the library?**  
No, you can read books from anywhere. Just remember to log them!
- **Can I count a book more than once?**  
You can! Record the book as many times as you read it!
- **Can books on CD, tape or digital devices count?**  
Yes, they can.
- **If my child hears a book in storytime, in daycare, preschool or with a friend or family member can it be counted?**  
Yes, it can.