

Growing Rock County Readers

1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

A Family Reading Project for
Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers



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PUBLIC LIBRARY
Children's Room



Reading to your child helps develop important pre-reading skills that prepare them for school.

It's never too early to start reading to your child. Parents and other caregivers can begin at birth.

Reading 1000 books is easier than you think!

- One book a day and you'll reach 1000 books in less than three years.
- Read three books a day and you'll be done in a year.
- The average picture book takes about five minutes to read. That means you can reach 1000 books in a year by reading for just 15 minutes a day!

How to Get Started:

- **Register in Person** at any Rock County public library desk.
- **Track your progress** with a paper log or the app.
- **Receive a fun prize** for every 100 books. Just turn in your reading log or present your app milestone at any Rock County public library.

What to Do:

1. **Log books you read together**
2. **Collect a prize at each milestone**
3. **Autograph a leaf for the 1000 Books tree.**

Why:

- **Build early literacy skills**
- **Instill a love of books and reading**
- **Be prepared to start school**

