Growing Rock County Readers

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

A Family Reading Project for Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers
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