

Library Card Application

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____ MI: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____
Phone#: _____
Email: _____
Password: _____

Add me to the eNewsletter: **Yes** **No**

Send me notifications by:

☐ Text Message ☐ Phone Call ☐ Email

Preferred pickup location:

☐ Main Library ☐ Bookmobile ☐ Lockers

Out of County Residents:

☐ Hall County ☐ Clay County
☐ Webster County ☐ Other

Current College Students:

☐ Hastings College ☐ Other
☐ Central Community College

I certify that the above information is accurate and correct. I accept responsibility for the care and return of all library materials checked out on this card and for any late charges or damage fees incurred.

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Suggestions When Reading to Your Baby

- Babies enjoy books with large, realistic pictures.
- Hold your baby in your lap and circle your arms gently around them as you read aloud. Point and talk about the pictures in the book.
- Choose books with rhyme, repetition, and rhythm. They help children develop an ear for the language.
- pick lightweight books that are washable and made of non-toxic cloth or vinyl for you baby to hold.
- Be sure to make the animal sounds! Imitating animal noises is a great way for children to develop sound meaning





Advantages of 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

- Reading to your baby every day lets you enjoy a quiet, special time together.
- Parents are tremendous role models. By seeing you enjoy reading, your baby will enjoy reading, too.
- The greatest amount of brain growth occurs between the ages of 0-5. By age 3, approximately 85% of the brain's core structure is formed.
- Reading aloud to children is one of the best ways to stimulate growth in language and cognitive skills while also building curiosity, memory, and motivation.

What is 1000 Books Before Kindergarten?

Shared interactive reading is the single most important activity to prepare children to learn to read. 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free program to encourage parents to start reading to their children from infancy to entry into kindergarten.

How does the program work?

Upon signing up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, your child will receive a free book, tote bag, and reading log. Anything read to your child counts, whether it is a book read by another person or re-reading a favorite story. Just be sure to track the titles in Beanstack or in the reading log!

For every 50 books read, your child earns a free book. There are more incentives at each 50 book interval as well. Upon completion of this program, your child will have 21 new books for their home library!

How long does it take to complete?

This program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read to your child. If you read to your child one book every day, the program will take just under three years.

How to Enroll!

Joining 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is easy. All you need is a library card for your child and to register at the Children's Floor desk.

Don't have a library card? No problem! Complete and turn in the application on the back of this page. For a library card application to be accepted, you will need one of the following:

- a valid photo ID stating your current address
- a valid photo ID and a piece of mail with your current address

Questions? Contact us!

Call: 402.461.4236

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Mon-Thu: 9am-7pm

Fri-Sat: 9am-5pm

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