

Welcome to the Lake County Public Library 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN CHALLENGE!

Did you know that reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost his or her brain power? The simple and enjoyable act of sharing books helps your child learn pre-reading skills and provides a great opportunity for bonding. Reading together is fun and will create life-long memories for the both of you.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten.
The child or parent/caregiver must have a LCPL library card.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Just follow these steps:

1. **Register:** Sign up at any of our nine branches. Pick up program materials at the library.
2. **Track Your Reading:** Fill in a circle for each book you read with your child on your reading record.
3. **Every Book Counts:** Even if your child wants to hear the same book again and again, you can count it each time. You can also count the books your child hears in storytime, in daycare or preschool, or with a friend or family member, as long as your child listens to the entire book.
4. **Reading Milestones:** Each time you read 100 books, bring your reading record to the library to receive a new reading record for your next 100 books.
5. **1,000 Books:** You did it! Come to the library and receive a free book.
6. **Keep on Reading:** Don't stop at 1,000! Keep on reading together; there's more learning ahead!

HOW LONG WILL THE PROGRAM TAKE?

The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together. One thousand books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book a night, you'll meet your goal in less than 3 years.

Singing songs, saying rhymes, telling stories, and playing with your child are all great ways to build their literacy skills. Visit the library often for free programs that are fun and educational for your little one and to find great books to share with your child.

Happy Reading!

Ingrid Norris, Library Director/CEO



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Storytimes
For dates and times,
contact the branches or
go online, www.lcpln.org

Mother Goose on the
Loose
(Birth – 23 mo.)

2-3 Year Olds

4-5 Year Olds

Cedar Lake Branch
10010 E. 133rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46403
374-7127

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.
Schererville, IN 46375

Griffith-Calumet Twp.
1215 E. 45th Ave.
Griffith, IN 46319

Highland Branch
2841 Jewett St.
Highland, IN 46322
838-2394

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342
942-2243

Lake Station-New Chicago
2007 Central Avenue
Lake Station, IN 46405
962-2409

Merrillville Branch
1919 W. 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541

Munster Branch
8701 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Ave.
St. John, IN 46373
365-5379