

Growing Rock County Readers

# 1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

Arrowhead Library System Early Literacy Initiative

A Family Reading Project for  
Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers



  
beloit public library



## 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
  - **In the App** using the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten County of Waukesha app
  - **Online** at 1000Books.org
- **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**



*This tree, created by Wisconsin artist Sally Duback in 2019, has been generously donated by Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) and dedicated to the children of Beloit and their imaginations.*