Who is this program for?

Any child from birth until they enter kindergarten.



Program Overview:

- The goal of this program is to read 1,000 books with your child before they begin kindergarten!
- There are numerous benefits to reading together, including bonding, increasing vocabulary, improving language skills, and encouraging lifelong reading.
- Supporting the development of children's literacy skills can help them learn to read and be ready for school.
- Your little one will receive prizes along the way to reward their progress and to help further develop their literacy skills.

Sign up here:

https://tinyurl.com/mrxadvnk

Check out our booklist here:

https://tinyurl.com/39wp2aeu

Resources:

- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
  - https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/
- Every Child Ready to Read
  - https://everychildreadytoread.org/



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Dedham, MA | 781-751-9284
Endicott Branch Library |257 Mt. Vernon St
Dedham, MA | 781-751-9178
dedhamlibrary.com/children
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1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



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Five Key Practices:

Every Child Ready to Read®, an initiative of the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children, identifies five key practices to promote children's literacy skills: reading, writing, singing, playing, and talking.

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program promotes all five of these practices through reading and awarding relevant prizes along the way!



Read



Write



Sing

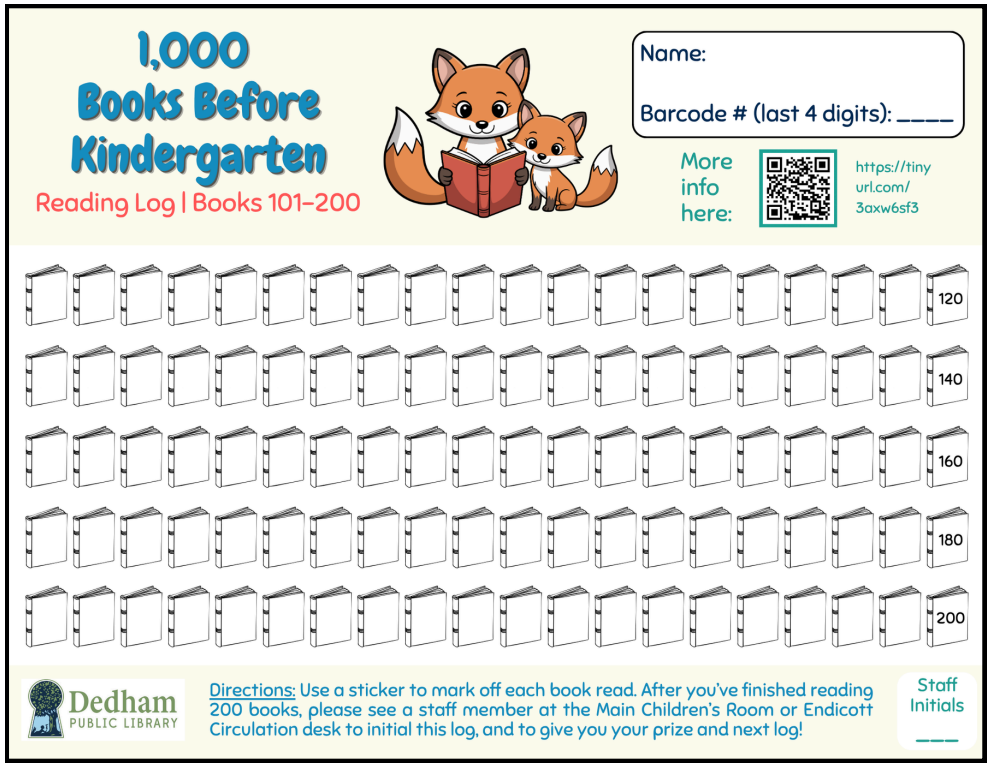


Play



Talk

Sample Log



How it works:

- Sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/mrxadvnk or at either Dedham Public Library location from October through November 2026 or January through May 2027.
- Stop by a Dedham Public Library location to receive a paper tracking log and sign-up prize.
- Mark off each book read with the stickers you receive (use one sticker per book). You can repeat books!
- For every 200 books read, visit the Main Library Children's Room or Endicott Circulation desk and ask a staff member to initial your log. Then, you'll receive your prize and next log, repeating the process until you reach 1,000 books!
- Prizes may include (but are not limited to): stickers, a backpack, a shaky egg, a stuffed animal keychain, a certificate of completion, and more!