

Welcome to the San Leandro Public Library's 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN program!

Congratulations on signing up to read your child 1000 books before he or she enters kindergarten! 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 such as understanding the sounds letters make, developing a bigger vocabulary, and building background knowledge—all important skills that help prepare your child for learning to read and entering kindergarten.

The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a fun, exciting, and free way to start your young child on the path to success!



Now that you've signed up, here is how to participate:

- **Track Your Reading:** On your reading log, fill in a leaf for every book you read with your child. You can also track your reading online at sanleandrolibrary.beanstack.org
- **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.
- **Visit the Library when you reach a 100-book milestone:**
 - **100-Book Milestones:** Each time you reach a 100 book milestone, your child earns a commemorative sticker and a new reading log.
 - **500-Book Milestone:** When you reach the 500-book milestone, your child earns a free book!
 - **1000-Book Completion:** You did it! Your child earns a special prize and a certificate of achievement.

Singing songs, saying rhymes, telling stories, and playing with your child are all great ways to build their literacy skills. Visit the San Leandro Public Library for free literacy programs like storytime and great books to share with your child.

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. If you read three books a night, you could reach your goal in just one year! Ask our friendly staff for suggestions—we're here to help you on your journey to 1000 Books Before Kindergarten! Happy Reading!

To keep track of your reading online and get personalized reading recommendations, go to: sanleandrolibrary.beanstack.org

For a milestone prize or a new reading log, please visit the library during open hours (current hours and open branches are listed on the library's website at www.sanleandrolibrary.org).

Main Library

300 Estudillo Ave.
510-577-3970 (Main Number)
510-577-3960 (Children's Desk)



Manor Branch

1241 Manor Blvd.
510-577-7970