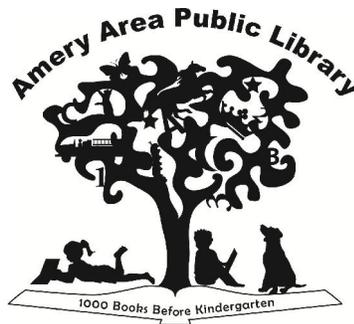


1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTIONS



This multi-year, early literacy program encourages Amery Area residents to read to and interact with their children before they reach kindergarten. The single most important activity you can do to help your child become a successful reader is to read aloud to him or her every day. You hold a very special place in their heart right from the start, and by sharing a love of reading with them from an early age, they will continue that love of learning and reading into their school years. Early literacy is a stepping stone towards future learning habits! This also creates a special way for parents and children to bond during the formative years. Each log contains not only shapes to fill in for books read, but also space to record some of your favorite titles! Participants receive a sticker for every 100 books they read and get special prizes at certain milestones along the way.

How to Participate:

- Read with your child. Studies show that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for bonding. Reading together is fun and will create lifelong memories for the both of you!
- Keep track of how many books you've read by filling in the shapes on your log. Books read at storytime count, too!
- When your log is completed, bring it back to the Amery Area Public Library and receive your next log! Your child will receive a fun bath toy at 100 books, a brand new book to keep at 500 books, and a bookplate with their name in a new book they get to choose for the library collection at 1,000 books! At the end of the year, those children who have finished 1,000 books will have their name and picture in the paper! (Note: You can opt out of the newspaper recognition if you'd prefer.)

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Who can participate?

A: Amery Area residents with a child who ranges from age 1 to the time they enter kindergarten.

Q: Does any book count?

A: Yes! Any complete book read to your child counts. In addition, it doesn't matter WHO does the reading to your child. It all counts! If a brother, sister, grandma, grandpa, babysitter, or even daycare provider reads to your child, it counts. If you read the same book multiple times, that counts—repetition is a wonderful form of learning! Main thing: it all counts!

Q: What do I do when I finish my log?

A: Bring your log back to the Amery Area Public Library. You'll receive a new log every time you complete 100 books.

Q: We've read all the books we like. What do I do?

A: Ask a librarian! We love recommending new books. In addition, the book suggestions in your starter info packet should give you a great start!