

“Read 1000 Books Before Kindergarten” Club

Frequently Asked Questions

Can you really expect to read 1000 books to your child before kindergarten?

If you read only one bedtime story every night for three years you will have read 1095!

If you read 10 books each week for two years, you will have read 1040.

Double that rate to do 1000 books in one year.

You can begin much earlier though, when your child is an infant!

Do we have to read books from Hudson Public Library?

No, you can read books from anywhere - your home, the doctor's office, preschool, Grandma's house, or other libraries.

I read the same story every night to my child. Can I count that book more than once? Yes, write down the title each and every time you read the book.

I have more than one child I read to. Can I count the same title for each child?

Of course you can! And if one of your older children reads to their sibling, you can count that also.

Can I count books that are read at Story Time?

Yes, just ask your librarian for the titles.

What about the books that my preschooler hears at preschool?

Yes, you can count those. Just ask your child or the teacher at the end of the school day. Even if your child can't remember the title they should be able to remember something about the book and you will help them work on their narrative skills by asking them questions. Write down your child's best guess at the book title or use the bookmark and mark a box instead of recording a title.

My child has an electronic game (or a computer game) that reads the story to him/ her if he/she chooses. Can I count that?

As long as your child listens to the entire story, you can count it. Please don't count it if he or she just plays the games.

When I don't have time to read to my child, I sometimes let her listen to a book on CD. Can I add that to her list?

Sure, as long as she has listened to the entire story.

My child "reads" books to himself. Should I count those?

While it's a great start to reading, if your child is only pretending to read, you shouldn't count it. If your child has memorized a book you read together frequently and can read it themselves, then go ahead and count it.

My older children like to read to their younger siblings. Can I count those books?

Count any books that are read to your child, no matter who reads the books. It can be a brother, sister, grandparent, babysitter, teacher, etc. As long as they hear the entire story, you can count it.

More Questions? Call the Hudson Public Library at 319-988-4217.