

## WHAT IS 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN?

1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenges all families and caregivers to read at least 1000 books with their young children before they enter Kindergarten.

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**How long does it take to read 1,000 books?!**

It depends on your child's age & how regularly you read together.

Here is an idea 

**What should we read?**

You can read any type of book and you can read it anywhere! You can even re-read the same book.

**Who can register?**

Any child who has not started Kindergarten can register for the program.

**When does the program end?**

There is no official end date. You have as long as you need to read, so don't rush! Have fun!

What are some of the prizes?

We want to make sure you know how much progress you are making.

We will have incentive prizes when your family has read:

- 25 books – canvas library book bag
- 100 books - book of your choice
- 250 books - book of your choice
- 500 books - book of your choice
- 750 books – book of your choice
- 1000 books – t-shirt & certificate

| Child's age when starting 1000 Books Before Kindergarten | Number of Books Read <b>per day</b> to complete 1000 Books Before Kindergarten | Number of Books Read <b>per week</b> to complete 1000 Books Before Kindergarten |
|--|--|---|
| 0 years old  | less than 1 per day  | 4 per week  |
| 1 year old   | less than 1 per day  | 5 per week  |
| 2 years old  | 1 per day  | 7 per week  |
| 3 years old  | 2 per day  | 10 per week   |
| 4 years old  | 3 per day  | 20 per week   |

## GET STARTED NOW!

**You can get started by using the reading log below. Just cross off or color a book every time you read a book with your child.**

**When you have read 25 books, visit your library and get your next reading log and a prize!**

|    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |

**Congratulations! Now come to the library for your Library Book Bag & a new reading log!**

## ***LIBRARY PROGRAMS***

Please check your local library's calendar for a list of preschool or family storytimes and events.

## ***BROUGHT TO YOU BY:***

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**Blue Earth Area Early  
Childhood Family Education**

**Express Diagnostics  
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**Friends of the Blue Earth  
Community Library**

**Friends of the Muir Library**

**Patton Funeral Home**

**Spencer Owen Funeral Home**

**Thrivent Financial**

**Winnebago Lions Club**

## **Blue Earth Community Library**

**Mon – Thurs 10am-8pm**

**Friday 10am-5pm**

**Saturday 10am-3pm**

**507-526-5012**

**libtfb@tds.lib.mn.us**

## **Elmore Public Library**

**Mon & Tues 3p-6p**

**Wed 1p-7p**

**Thurs & Friday 3p-6p**

**Saturdays: 9a-11a**

**507-943-3150**

**libtfe@tds.lib.mn.us**

## **Muir Library - Winnebago**

**Mon 9a-12p, 2-5p, 7-9p**

**Tues – Thurs 2-5p, 7-9p**

**Friday 10a-12p, 2-5p**

**Saturday 10a-12p**

**507-893-3196**

**tfwstaff@tds.lib.mn.us**

# ***BLUE EARTH AREA***

# ***PUBLIC LIBRARIES***

***BLUE EARTH, ELMORE, WINNEBAGO***



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***BEFORE KINDERGARTEN***

***A FREE FAMILY PROGRAM***