



Visit the library often with your child. By coming to the library together, you can teach your child:

- An understanding of how the library works,
- A respectful attitude towards the books checked out, and
- An appreciation for the wide range of stories children can find at the library.

Can you really expect to read 1,000 books to your child before kindergarten?

1 story every day for 5 years equals 1,825 stories!

5 stories per week for 4 years equals 1,040 stories!

1 story every day for 3 years equals 1,095 stories!

10 stories every week for 2 years equals 1,040 stories!

20 stories every week for 1 year equals 1,040 stories!

You can do it!

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can sign up for this program?

Any child from birth until Kindergarten. Completion will take from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read.

Why is it important to read to very young children?

Developing pre-literacy skills begins at birth and continues through the toddler and preschool years. The best way to ensure a child has the skills necessary to learn to read is having someone read aloud to them.



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**Camarena
Memorial
Library**

A FREE PROGRAM
to equip children's first teachers, their parents, with the tools needed to instill a love of reading, the skills to get ready to read and an appreciation for the library.

●●● | 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Why 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

Research has found that the more children 0-5 hear books read to them, the more prepared they will be to learn to read upon entering kindergarten.

Learning to read begins *before* children start school.

Parents of newborns, toddlers and preschoolers are their children's first teacher!

If you read to your child often, you will help him/her acquire the six pre-literacy skills needed to be able to read.



What do the six pre-literacy skills mean?

It means that your child will be able to:

- Describe things, events and tell stories
- Hear and play with the smaller sounds in words
- Be interested and enjoy books
- Know the names of things
- Notice print, know how to handle a book and how to follow the words on a page
- Know letters are different from each other, know their names and recognize letters everywhere!

A good children's book is three times richer in vocabulary than conversation.

How does the program work?

- Sign up at the Camarena Memorial Library.
- Your child will receive a reading log to keep track of the books you read.
- Record each book read. Repetition is good, so you may record a favorite book more than once.
- Each time you read 100 books, bring in the reading log and you will receive a new reading log and a small prize.
- You may read books from anywhere! The library, from home, daycare, preschool, etc.
- After reading 1,000 books, your child will receive a certificate of achievement and an invitation to a "graduation" party.