

Tips for reading with your child

- Talk or sing about the pictures. You don't have to read the words to tell a story.
- Show children the words. Run your finger along the words as you read them, from left to right.
- In the home or on the run – keep a few books in the car, in the bath or in the pram to keep your little ones quiet and busy.
- Babies learn about books through play – keep some books with their other toys.
- Don't feel like reading, talking or singing? Listen to an audiobook! Children will still get to experience stories and be exposed to new vocabulary.
- Have your child look at the pictures and guess what's going to happen next in the story. Reading visual clues is an important skill.
- Take part in Storytime at your local public library, daycare or kindergarten.
- It's okay to re-read favourite books – every book counts!



Frequently asked questions

How old does my child have to be to start the program?

Your child can begin any time before they start school. You can even register your unborn baby!

Do I need a library card for each of my children?

Only one card is needed to register the whole family.

Can I count the same book over and over?

Yes. Repetition is important for learning so mark your Reading Record every time you re-read a favourite book.

Can I count books that are read to my child by other people or at programs like Storytime?

Yes. Every book that your child completes, or actively listens to, can be counted on their Reading Record.

Do we have to read library books?

No. Any book that is read counts – whether it's a library book, your own book or a friend's book.

Can I count audiobooks?

As long as your child listens to the whole book, it counts.



1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL

Get your child school-ready!

Register for **1000 Books
Before School** at your
local library.



For more information visit:

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Did you know that reading together is the best way to encourage a love of books in your child?

Sharing stories with babies and young children helps develop literacy skills that will prepare them for reading at school.

Register for 1000 Books Before School to start your reading adventure!



How 1000 Books Before School works

Keep a record of the books shared with your children in their pre-school years, and aim to reach 1000 before they start school.

- Register at your local library to receive your first Reading Record and reading kit to get you started. A library membership is required to join the program.
- Mark, colour or place a sticker on your Reading Record each time you read together with your child.
- Each time you reach a milestone in your Reading Record, bring it in to your local library for a special reward.
- Every book that your child completes, or actively listens to, counts – this includes stories read at Storytime sessions, daycare, playgroup, kindergarten, as well as reading the same book over and over again. You can read books from anywhere – not just library books.
- The program finishes once your child reaches 1000 books, or starts school.



1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL

'The more that you read, the more things that you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go.'

Dr Seuss

'There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.'

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

