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
- Babies learn about books through play keep some books with their other toys.
- Don't feel like reading, talking or singing? Listen to an exposed to new vocabulary. audiobook! Children will still get to experience stories and be
- Have your child look at the pictures and guess what's going important skill to happen next in the story. Reading visual clues is an
- Take part in Storytime at your local public library, daycare or
- 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

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

Can I count the same book over and over?

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

Do we have to read library books?

Can I count audiobooks?

school-ready! **Get your child**

Register for 1000 Books

Before School at your

local library.















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

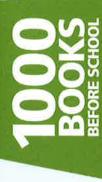
sharing stories with babies and young children helps develop iteracy skills that will prepare them for reading at school.

Register for 1000 Books Before School to start your reading



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
- 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.



How 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. L
of books is the best of all.'

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

