



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Reading out loud to your preschool-aged child is one of the most satisfying experiences you can have with them. Did you know that this same experience is the most important predictor of school success for your child?

As part of our commitment to early literacy in Houghton and Keweenaw Counties, the Portage Lake District Library invites you to participate in **1000 Books Before Kindergarten**. The self-paced and year-round program is aimed at getting children ready to read by the time they enter kindergarten.

The premise is simple: read 1000 books before your child begins kindergarten. While it might sound daunting at first, reading 1 book a day for 3 years gets you to your goal (anyone can read to your child and repeats count). And we promise to make it fun along the way!

We have book logs, book suggestions and more to get families started. For every 100 books read, stop by our Circulation Desk and receive a small reading reward. Every March, we'll celebrate all of our readers with a special Reading Month program and give away prizes to all of our finishers.

It all starts with a launch party on Saturday, November 18th from 11am – 1pm. Attendees can sign-up and take home a convenient **1000 Books** folio to get started. Parents and caregivers will be able to sign-up at any time throughout the year following our launch party.

If you have any questions about the **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** program, please visit or call the library. We look forward to accompanying your family on your reading journey and celebrating your family's success!

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