

## Take the challenge

to read 1000 books  
with your child  
before they start  
Kindergarten!

- ✓ For babies, toddlers, preschoolers
- ✓ Help your child get ready for school
- ✓ Instill a love of reading in your child
- ✓ Create lifelong memories
- ✓ Track your reading and earn prizes
- ✓ To get started, pick up a reading folder at NPL
- ✓ 1,000 is not such a big number!  
3 books a day for 1 year= 1,095 books  
1 book a day for 3 years= 1,095 books



Zoey and Brielle Matthews receiving their 1000B4K completion certificates from Jan Bates on April 6, 2017.

## Where to get books...

### Northumberland Public Library

7204 Northumberland Hwy.  
Heathsville VA 804-580-5051

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### LIBRARY BOOK RETURN SITES:

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Callao Supermarket

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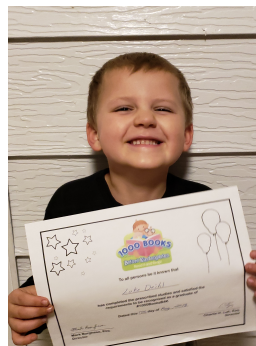
Wicomico Church Post Office

To renew books: call NPL or online at  
[www.nplibraryva.org](http://www.nplibraryva.org)



#### Little Free Library locations:

Post Offices in Wicomico Church &  
Reedville, Callao Supermarket,  
YMCA Heathsville  
Social Services office Heathsville



Luke Deihl earned his 1000B4K completion certificate in the summer of 2018.

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## Program Overview

The concept is simple,  
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Read a book(any book) to your newborn,  
infant, and/or toddler.

The goal is to have read 1000 books  
(yes, you can repeat books)  
before your precious one starts  
kindergarten.



## Why Participate?

- \* Research shows that the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood. Reading to children from an early age can help close the vocabulary gap and prepare children to enter kindergarten with the skills they need to succeed.
- \* Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and reading.

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## How to Participate

- \* **Read with your child.** Studies have shown that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for bonding. Reading together is fun!
- \* **Sign up** at the Northumberland Public Library and get your 1000 Books Before Kindergarten folder with reading log pages.
- \* **Keep track** of the books that you read with your child in the folder or by whatever method you want. Keep a record of *any* book that is being read to your child. This includes books read by teachers and siblings.
- \* Each time you read 100 books, bring your child to NPL to **report books** and **choose a prize**.
- \* **Ask the teacher** at your child's daycare or other pre-kindergarten program to record the books read and send the list home once a month.



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## Frequently Asked Questions



- \* **Who can participate in this program?** *Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten.*
  - \* **How long will the program take?** *Anywhere from a few months to a few years. The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together.*
  - \* **How many of my children can participate?** *All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten). Make it even more fun and read as a family!*
  - \* **May I record multiple readings of the same book?** *Yes. Rereading books is a favorite activity for kids of all ages. Record the title each time you read it.*
  - \* **Can older children read to younger children?** *Yes, and record those titles as well!*
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