

1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL

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

- Register at your local participating public 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 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. Congratulations!

The list of books attached includes well-known, quality picture books that are easily found at libraries or bookshops. While you may share any book with your child during this reading adventure, this list can be used as a guide. Many are Australian and may be familiar to you from your own childhood.

The attached news article highlights the importance of reading books aloud at home and encouraging reading for pleasure.

We hope you enjoy your reading journey with your child and we look forward to continuing that journey with you when your child starts school.

