



## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

South Charleston Public Library is a host library for the national 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (1000BBK) program. After researching the program offered by libraries across the country, SCPL chose to adopt and adapt the program for our community's youngest readers.

1000BooksBeforeKindergarten.org is sponsored by the 1000 Books Foundation, a Nevada nonprofit corporation. The 1000 Books Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charity which provides services beneficial to the public interest and is operated exclusively for charitable, literary, and educational purposes. The objectives of this organization are: to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers; and to encourage parent and child bonding through reading.

Per the 1000 Books Foundation:

*Numerous studies estimate that as many as one in five children have difficulties learning to read. Reading has been associated as an early indicator of academic success. Public formal education does not typically start until ages 5-6. Before then, parents and caregivers are the first education providers during the 0-5 early critical years. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is a simple (read a book, any book to your child, with the goal of reading 1,000 before kindergarten) and very manageable endeavor.*

As with any program offered by SCPL, the Youth Services team focuses on providing education-based, reader-focused programs customized for our readers and families. That said, SCPL's 1000BBK program works as follows:

- Sign up for a SCPL library card (free with valid photo ID)
- Register your reader (age birth to preschool) with Youth Services
- Read, read, read, and read some more together
- Record books read to, with, and by your reader using program book logs
- Visit the library with book logs to celebrate each time 100 books have been read
- Attend library programs to promote a love of reading
- Present your reader's completed book logs for 1000 books and receive a certificate of completion and special recognition

Please contact any member of the Youth Services team for more information about the program. Thanks in advance for allowing SCPL to be YOUR library!

**About Us:** SCPL Youth Services offers resources and programming for young people (birth to 18 years) with the goal of promoting literacy while simultaneously developing a lifelong love of reading and learning. Our team of experienced professionals - led by a degreed professional librarian - is dedicated to supporting the information needs of young people and families. We truly want to make a difference for our community, one young reader at a time.

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