The single most important thing you can do to prepare your children to read is to read to them every day. Research proves that children need to hear 1000 books before they begin to learn to read independently. Reading to children will increase their vocabulary and their listening and narrative skills. Reading with children will also help to instill in them self-awareness, confidence and an understanding of their place in the world.

**HOW CAN I READ 1000 BOOKS?** It’s easy!  
One book a day for three years=1000  
Three books a day for one year=1000  
Ten books a week for two years=1000

**WHAT COUNTS?** Everything! Every book you read counts every time you read it! Books your child hears in Storytime count. Books that others read to your child count. It all counts!

**WHERE CAN I SIGN UP?** Sign up at the desk and we will keep track how many books you have read. We will give you sheets to help you keep count of the first 100 books. When you finish reading 100 books, come back to the library for another set of sheets and get your picture taken for our wall of fame!

**WHEN:** Today! Available to any child between birth and five years old.

It’s one of the best gifts you will ever give your child…and yourself!

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