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Get Started

- Register at ***fondulaclibrary.beanstack.org*** and download the Beanstack app, or in the Youth Services Department to receive a progress chart.
- Log books on Beanstack or on the progress chart to track books read to your child.
- When 100 books have been read, visit the YS desk with your badge or completed chart for a free book and the next progress chart.
- Receive a certificate of achievement, a book, and a book bag when the goal of reading 1,000 books is met!

What books count for 1KB4K?

Picture books, board books, books on CD, Playaways, Books That Talk, and eBooks from Tumblebooks, hoopla, Axis 360, and Libby checked out from FDL count toward the 1,000 book goal. Books from home, other libraries, or even daycare and the doctor’s office are also eligible. Each time a book is read, it counts as one book. If you read the same book ten times to your child, you can count it as ten books!



The Importance of Reading to Children

“Reading aloud and talking about what we’re reading sharpens children’s brains. It helps develop their ability to concentrate at length, to solve problems logically, and to express themselves more easily and clearly. The stories they hear provide them with witty phrases, new sentences, and words of subtle meaning. Before long children begin to understand the look of the print and the way words work in sentences... No wonder experts tell us that children need to hear a thousand stories read aloud before they learn to read for themselves.”

— Mem Fox, author of *Reading Magic*

Reaching the Goal

Reading to your child can be an important part of his or her daily routine. Reading three books to your child every day is a total of 1,095 books in a single year, exceeding the goal of the program by almost 100 books.

Daily readings could include:

- “wake up” book
- book on CD played in the car
- story read aloud at daycare
- “potty-time” book
- story read by another person
- book during snack time
- favorite book you read again & again
- bedtime story



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