

How 1000 books works

Every time you share a book together, mark or colour a space on your jungle journal. When you reach a milestone, bring the journal into the library and we'll give you a special sticker! The program finishes when you reach 1000 books, or the child starts school.



Register at any Whitehorse Manningham Library Branch. You need to be a Whitehorse Manningham Library member to join.



We will give you a 1000 books jungle journal to record each book.



Mark or colour a footprint in the journal each time you read together with your child.



Each time you reach a milestone in your journal, bring it to one of our branches for a special sticker.

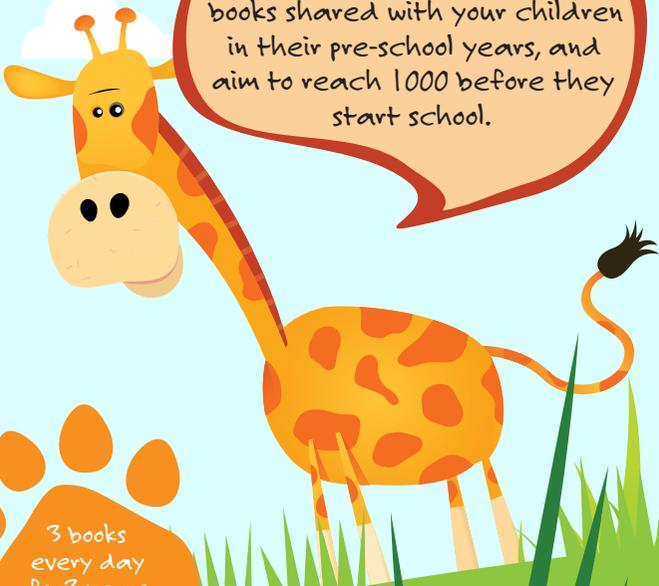


When you get to 1000 books, show us your journal for an extra special prize.

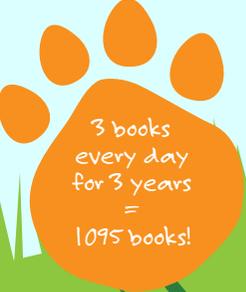
Library branches

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| Blackburn | 9896 8400 |
| Box Hill | 9896 4300 |
| Bulleen | 9896 8450 |
| Doncaster | 9877 8500 |
| Nunawading | 9872 8600 |
| The Pines | 9877 8550 |
| Vermont Sth | 9872 8650 |
| Warrandyte | 9895 4250 |

For more information:
www.wml.vic.gov.au



Keep a record of the books shared with your children in their pre-school years, and aim to reach 1000 before they start school.



3 books every day for 3 years = 1095 books!



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For a learning head start explore

1000 Books

BEFORE SCHOOL



Research shows that babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers develop literacy skills by listening to stories, engaging with pictures, singing, rhyming and 'reading together'. The more books children hear, the better prepared they are when it comes time for them to learn how to read.

Every book Counts

- Favourite picture book one thousand times?
- One thousand different books?
- Books heard at Pre School Story Time?
- Big sister pointing out the pictures to her baby brother?
- Reading with Nanna?
- The dog-eared picture book in the doctor surgery waiting room?

They all count every time!

Keep a record of every story shared together with the 1000 Books Before School record, available when you register at one of our branches.

The earlier you start, the easier it will be to reach 1000 books. Plus, there are stickers and prizes along the way!

Why read 1000 books before school?

Early literacy skills are essential building blocks for lifelong learning beyond primary and high school. The more books children hear, the better prepared they are when it is time for them to learn how to read. Research shows that children who are read to six or seven times a week have a literacy level almost a year ahead of children who are not read to at home. By reading to your child or sharing books with them for around 15 minutes each day, they get a head start, and you will read around 1000 books over three years.

Does reading really help a baby or toddler?

The brain develops very quickly in the first three years of life. Children begin building the skills needed to learn to read from the very first moment you read to them. Sharing books with your children is a great bonding experience, and helps build a lifelong love of books and reading.

Do I have to read every single book to the child?

It doesn't have to be only you that reads with your child! It might be a kinder teacher, story time librarian, granny, big brother or uncle. As long as it is a book as the child is listening to, looking at the pictures, reading along or reading by themselves, it counts – and goes toward the goal of 1000 books before school.

What if I run out of ideas of what to read my child?

Whitehorse Manningham Library Branches have over 27,000 picture books in our Children's collection, which change regularly. There are literally thousands to choose from! Ask our Youth Services Librarians for some ideas if you are unsure or have a browse on the shelves for something that catches your eye.

Still got questions? Speak to one of our Youth Services Librarians at any branch.

My child is completely hooked on this one book and wants me to read it over and over.

It's fine to read the same story over and over because children learn through repetition. You might also like to read different stories so that your child hears a range of different words. You can count every book read and re-read on your 1000 books before school journal.

How old does my child have to be to start?

Preschool kids, babies and any age in between can explore 1000 books before school. Babies are learning from birth, and reading together can be a wonderful bonding experience. As long as they aren't yet at school, they can join in.

I have more than one child. Do I register them all?

Yes! That way they each get a passport. There is no limit to how many family members can join in. If you read together as a family, of course you can count it on both journal.

Do I need a library card?

Yes, you need to be a member of the library to join 1000 Books Before School. Plus, if you want to borrow books from the library, you need a library card. Joining the library is free and you can borrow up to 70 books at a time. Your children can borrow on your card, or they can have their own.

Can I only count library books?

You can count all books, not just those borrowed from Whitehorse Manningham Libraries.

Can we read eBooks or use our tablet or eReader?

Yes. Any book format can be counted including eBooks, Audiobooks and books on Story Box Library. Check out the range of titles available from the eLibrary page on our website.