It is never too early to introduce children to the wonders of sharing and reading books!

We offer Babies in the Library (ages 0 to 23 months), Toddler Time (2 year olds), Mother Goose (3 to 5 year olds), as well as Bi-Lingual and Pajama Story times for various ages!

An online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach young children the joys of reading in a format they’ll love. Just go to our website and click on Tumble Books library!

Multimedia E-books in the library!

Main Library
Monday thru Thursday: 10 am to 8 pm
Friday and Saturday: 10 am to 6 pm
Sunday: 1 pm to 6 pm

Branch Library
Monday: 10 am to 8 pm
Tuesday thru Saturday: 2 pm to 6 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

Help your child get ready to read with these simple activities:

Talk  Sing  Read  Write  Play
Dear Parents/Caregivers:

On behalf of the BCCLS community, we invite you to participate in this free program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she begins kindergarten.

Program Overview

The concept is simple, but the rewards are priceless.

- Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler.
- The goal is to read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books!) before your child starts kindergarten.

Does it sound hard? If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read 365 books in a year; that is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. You know it’s never 1 book a night...

If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think (so get started)!

The key is dedication. Make it exciting. Make it rewarding.

How to Get Started

1. Register your child at the Youth Services department of the Montclair Public Library. Pick up your registration folder.
2. Start logging your books either on the paper log or on the app
   - (search “1000 Books before Kindergarten” on your iphone.)
3. Bring your log to the Montclair Public Library at each milestone (50 books, 100 books, 200 books, 300 books, 400 books, 500 books, 600 books, 700 books, 800 books, 900 books, 1,000 books) we will celebrate your child’s success and handout a small reward.
4. Any child who reaches 500 books will receive an incentive.
5. A child who meets their goal will receive a free book from the library.
6. When a child reaches 1,000 books he or she will have their picture taken and posted on the BCCLS website (with your permission).
7. Any child who has reached 1,000 books in a calendar year will be invited to a BCCLS wide celebration in their honor!
8. Remember: Just read with your child and ENJOY!

Frequently Asked Questions

- Who can participate in this program? Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate.
- How long will the program take? The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together.
- How many of my children can participate? All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten). Make it even more fun and read as a family!
- Do we have to read books from the library? No, you can read books from anywhere. Just remember to log them!
- Can I count a book more than once? You can! Record the book as many times as you read it!