



## Welcome to 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

- ★ The best thing we can do, as our children's first teachers, is to read aloud to them every day. This will give our children the tools they need to be ready to read in kindergarten. Sharing stories and songs, talking, writing, and playing with our children will not only be fun but will instill a lifelong love of learning, reading, and books!
- ★ Anyone can register for this multiyear program at the library, please see the children's services staff to pick up your packet. Children should be ages birth to 5 years.
- ★ Then read, read, read! If you read 1 book a day for 3 years... it's 1,095 books! 10 books a week for 2 years... 1,040 books! 3 books a day for 1 year... 1,095 books!
- ★ Color a circle for every book you've read on your reading record. It counts if anyone reads a book to your child... grandparents, caregivers, brothers & sisters, even your favorite librarian! Reading a favorite book over and over counts each time. Use our bookmarks for a fun way to keep track of library books you've read!
- ★ Technology counts... When you listen to an audiobook or read on an ereader, list it on your reading record. Don't forget you can visit our website to access Tumblebooks for 100s of reading choices.
- ★ Prizes will be awarded for the first 100 books and other important milestone totals. Just come to the library with your completed reading record and see the children's services staff for your prize and pick up the next packet.

Visit [thompsonpubliclibrary.org](http://thompsonpubliclibrary.org) for many more resources.

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Many of the facts and tips that you will read throughout this packet are taken from the Every Child Ready to Read project from the American Library Association.

# Library Programs

## Storytimes

Storytimes provide an enriching and fun literacy experience through stories, songs, rhymes, games, music, art activities, puppets, and bubbles!

### Toddler Time

Toddler Time is suitable for infants and toddlers ages birth to 3.5 years (older siblings are welcome) Please join us for stories, songs, puppets, and bubbles! Toddler Time runs for 6 weeks seasonally, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10:30am *Registration is not required!*

### Preschool Story Hour

Preschool Story Hour is suitable for children ages 3.5 to 5 years. It is designed to be your child's first individual classroom experience. We ask that parents/guardians do not leave the children's area while story hour is in session. Preschool Story Hour runs for 7 weeks seasonally, Monday mornings 10:15am *Registration is required!* Please call 860-923-9779 to register or stop by the circulation desk.

## Special Programs

### Spooky Stories

Please join us for family-friendly Halloween stories. Children (and adults) may attend in costume. Ghoulish goodies will be served.

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### Gingerbread Family Fun

Join us to build your own gingerbread house! Please bring a support for your structure that is easy for you to use, such as a juice or a milk carton. We will supply the graham crackers, icing, and candies for decoration. This program is generously supported by the Friends of the Thompson Public Library.

### A Very Merry Storytime

Relax in your jammies and enjoy stories, songs, cookies, and hot cocoa. Shhhh... A special visitor from the North Pole is invited.

*These programs are free family events, suitable for all ages, registration is not required!*

## Our Collection

Meet the picture book collection! Look for the theme in the call number when searching in the catalog. Each theme is color coded as follows:

**Bedtime Stories** (Light Green)

**Celebrations** (Orange)

**Concepts** (Light Purple)

**Family** (White)

**Favorites** (Dark Purple)

**Folk & Fairy Tales** (Pink)

**History** (Dark Blue)

**Nature** (Dark Green)

**Rhymes & Songs** (Yellow)

**Stories** (Light Blue)

**Transportation** (Red)