

CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY



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 Story Time count. Books that others read to your child count. It all counts!

WHERE CAN I SIGN UP? Sign up at the Converse Free Library. We will give you sheets to help you keep count of the first 100 books, plus a free canvas bag with 2 new books for your child to keep, and more early-literacy information. When you finish reading 100 books, come back to the library for another set of sheets and a special incentive for you and your child to enjoy together. We will celebrate on an ongoing basis all who finish reading 1000 books with a special event.

WHEN: Register anytime when your child is between birth and five years old.

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