



San Mateo County Libraries

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| <p>1 Atherton
2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane
Atherton CA 94027</p> | <p>6 Foster City
1000 East Hillsdale Boulevard
Foster City CA 94404</p> | <p>9 Pacifica Sharp Park
104 Hilton Way
Foster City CA 94044</p> |
| <p>2 Belmont
1110 Alameda de las Pulgas
Belmont CA 94002</p> | <p>4 Half Moon Bay
620 Correas Street
Half Moon Bay CA 94019</p> | <p>10 Portola Valley
765 Portola Road
Portola Valley CA 94028</p> |
| <p>3 Brisbane
250 Visitacion Avenue
Brisbane CA 94005</p> | <p>7 Millbrae
1 Library Avenue
Millbrae CA 94030</p> | <p>11 San Carlos
810 Elm Street
San Carlos CA 94070</p> |
| <p>5 East Palo Alto
2415 University Avenue
East Palo Alto CA 94303</p> | <p>8 Pacifica Sanchez
1111 Tama Nova Boulevard
Pacifica CA 94044</p> | <p>12 Woodside
3140 Woodside Road
Woodside CA 94062</p> |

1000
books before
kindergarten



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Learn more at smcl.org/1000books

What is this program?

Experts believe that children need to hear 1,000 stories before they start kindergarten. We will help you achieve that goal, and celebrate you and your child every step of the way. Children of any age who have not yet started kindergarten—and their grown-ups, of course—are encouraged to participate!

You can read

1 book per day
for **3** years

or

3 books per day
for **1** year

= **1000** books!

Are there rules limiting the books we can read?

Nope! Any book counts.

Repeated reading (reading the same book over and over again) is more than okay: it's encouraged! Hearing the same story more than once helps children develop vocabulary and narrative skills, and knowing what to expect allows them to feel like part of the reading.

While we hope that many of the books you read together will come from the library, **books from your personal collection** certainly count, too.

How does it work?

Stop by the Information Desk to ***pick up the first Log Sheet or download it*** from our website. Each sheet has room for 100 books.

Stock up on books!
Our staff is here to support you; we have plenty of recommendations to share.

Read with your child whenever and wherever possible.

For each book that you read together, ***color in one of the little pictures on your Log Sheet.*** No titles necessary, and no deadline! As long as you reach 1,000 books before your child's first day of Kindergarten, you will accomplish the goal.

When your Log Sheet is complete, ***bring it to the Information Desk*** and exchange it for the next one. Your child will receive a small prize (sticker, bookmark, etc.).

When you have completed Log Sheet 401-500, bring your sheet to the Information Desk and you'll get to ***choose a free book.***

When you have completed Log Sheet 901-1,000 ***CELEBRATE! You did it!*** Bring your last Log Sheet to the Information Desk and receive a free book.

Don't stop reading!

Each story you share will benefit your child.