

Mountainside Public Library



**"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."
— E. Buchwald**

As a new year begins, give the gift that lasts a lifetime.

Join **1,000 Books before Kindergarten** with your family.

All it takes is a library card and time to read together.

Something to think about:

A 5 year-old entering Kindergarten will have read 1,826 books if he or she listens to just one story a day.

Mem Fox, a wonderful children's book author and reading advocate, encourages parents to "read at least three stories a day." Children need to hear thousands of stories before they begin to learn to read. If your family reads three books a day the thousand book challenge looks very achievable. By Mem Fox's standard, a family would have read 5,478 books before Kindergarten.

Interested in getting started?

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