

## By age two, a child's brain is already 80% fully grown.

- Research shows that the more children under age five are read to, the more prepared they are to learn to read when they enter kindergarten.
- Children who are read to three or more times a week get a head start in life. By age two, they know more words and have better memory, listening, and logic skills than kids who are read to fewer than three times a week. By kindergarten, they're twice as likely to score in the top 25% of their class in reading.
- **When you read together, your child learns how the world works, hears new words, and learns empathy. Plus, it's a fun bonding activity for both of you!**



## VISIT THE LIBRARY

616 Hiawatha Drive  
Carol Stream, IL 60188

## HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

## MORE INFORMATION

[www.cslibrary.org](http://www.cslibrary.org)  
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# 1000 BOOKS

Before Kindergarten



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## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a free program that will help your child prepare for school.

This program is for children ages birth through five (or until they enter kindergarten).

We encourage you to sign up even if your child is closer to age 5. Your child will still receive many benefits from participating in a structured reading program.

It's easy to read 1000 books!

1 book per day for 3 years or 3 books a day for 1 year equals 1095 books!

## Getting Started

Children who live in Carol Stream and have not yet started kindergarten are eligible for 1000 Books. You'll need a Carol Stream Public Library card to register for the program.

> Do you live in unincorporated Carol Stream? Please speak with a Youth Services Librarian.

1. Register online at [cslibrary.readsquared.com](https://cslibrary.readsquared.com).
2. Enter books and track your child's progress from a web browser or your mobile device.
3. After you sign up online, visit the Youth Services Desk, and you'll receive a book to take home.
4. After each 100 book milestone, visit the Library to receive another free book for your home library.
5. When your child reaches the 1000 book goal, a bookplate will be added to a new book in the Library's collection to honor your child's achievement.

To find out more information about the program, or to sign up online, visit [cslibrary.org/parents](https://cslibrary.org/parents) or stop by the Youth Services Desk.