

## Tips for reading with young children

### Babies (0-18 months)

- ◆ Choose board books with bright colors and simple pictures.
- ◆ Babies have short attention spans. It's okay to read for just a few minutes.
- ◆ Babies enjoy and respond to repeated sounds, words, and rhymes. Nursery rhymes are a great choice for this age group.



### Toddlers (1-3 years old)

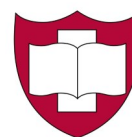
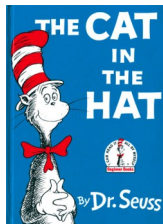
- ◆ When you read, point to familiar words and pictures on the page. Your child will begin to understand that words can be put together to tell a story.



- ◆ Reading favorite books again and again helps build important connections in the brain.
- ◆ Invite your toddler to hold the book open and turn the pages while you read.

### Preschoolers (3-5 years old)

- ◆ Emphasize rhyming words as you read together.
- ◆ Invite your child to provide sound effects to go along with the stories you read. Ask questions such as "what sound does a truck make?" or "what does a cat say?"



New Glarus Public Library



319 2nd Street

New Glarus, WI 53574

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[www.newglaruspubliclibrary.org](http://www.newglaruspubliclibrary.org)

Open Monday through Friday, 10AM to 7PM

and Saturday 10AM to 3PM.



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## Why 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?

“Everyone wants to do the best for their baby. Looking at books with your child every day is one of the most important things you can do for her/his future. Sharing books together strengthens your child's foundation for learning. Pointing at pictures in a book, saying rhymes, singing songs, writing words, and playing together makes your child more ready for school. Your baby's ability to learn grows from interacting with you, not a screen or educational toy. Plant the seed for lifelong learning by growing a reading relationship with your baby.”

~ Growing Wisconsin Readers



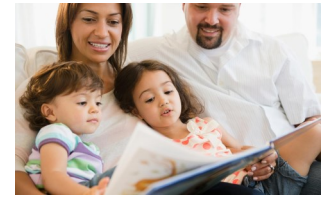
## Who may join?

- ◆ 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is open to all children who have not yet started kindergarten.
- ◆ Students currently enrolled in 4K are still eligible to participate.
- ◆ Parents or caregivers must have a library card. Signing up for a library card is easy and free. All we require is a valid photo ID and proof of current address.



## How it works. . .

- ◆ Sign up at the library, or through our online form at [www.newglaruspubliclibrary.org](http://www.newglaruspubliclibrary.org).
- ◆ Record each book you and your child read together on your reading log. (It's okay to read the same book multiple times.)
- ◆ You can also count books heard at story time, daycare, and school.
- ◆ Bring your reading log to the library after completely filling in each page (100 books per page).
- ◆ In recognition of your reading achievements, your child will earn a book to keep at the 100, 300, 600, and 1,000 book levels.
- ◆ Each child who reaches the 1,000 book goal will receive a keepsake certificate.



## Did you know. . .



- ◆ Children whose parents read aloud to them regularly have longer attention spans than children from non-reading households.
- ◆ Children who are read to often have larger vocabularies and an increased capacity for learning.
- ◆ Parents who read with their children daily are creating warm, loving, happy memories that their children will remember forever!