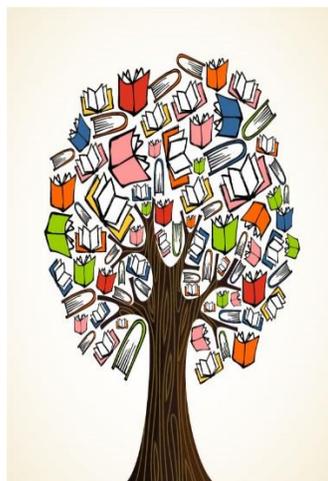


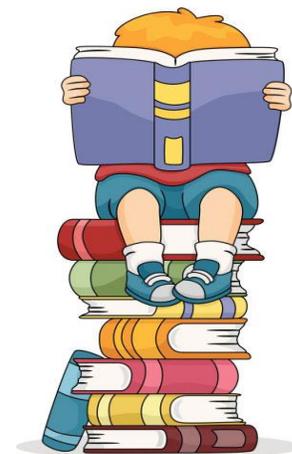
Hudson's Hope Public Library is excited to announce a new children's program



Do you think its impossible to read 1000 books to your child before Kindergarten? Nope, it is totally doable! Any child from birth until he or she enters Kindergarten can participate in this program. The program can take from a few months to a few years as it is self paced and depends how much you read. We will be happy to give you a record that you can use to track the reading your child is part of, and we will celebrate every hundred books by giving a small gift and having your child's picture up on the library train on our wall, adding in 100 book increments. At one thousand books, your child will receive a gift from us in recognition of this great accomplishment. Grandparents, siblings, friends or childcare workers can all participate by reading to your pre-Kindergarten child. If you prefer to purchase a keepsake journal/log with various fun activities and helps, one is available to you at 1000booksbeforekindergarten.org along with other interesting articles and information.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten		
Child's Age When 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is Started	Number of Books Read Per Day to Complete 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten	Number of Books Read Per Week to Complete 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
0 Years Old	1	4
1 Year Old	1	5
2 Years Old	1	7
3 Years Old	2	10
4 Years Old	3	20



A child's involvement in early reading is essential. Parents can practice early reading skills with their children at home. "Zero to Three" recommends the following activities that parents can do to foster early literacy skills: Read to children daily -- let them turn the pages, sing about the book, show the children the words in the book, make the book personal for the child, ask questions about the story, and let the children repeat the story. Parents also can use magnetic letters on the refrigerator and practice letters and letter sounds with their child. All of these skills will prepare a child to read successfully.

Reading to babies is also a great way to immerse them in the sounds and rhythms of speech, which is crucial for language development. In a study at Brown University School of Medicine in Providence, Rhode Island, 18- to 25-month-olds whose parents said they had been reading to them regularly for a year could say and understand more words than those whose parents hadn't. It's hard to prove whether such advantages last, but plenty of parents are convinced that early exposure to books makes a long-term difference, both boosting children's language abilities and making them more eager to learn how to read. It's also a bonding experience that sets children up for a lifelong love of reading and learning.

