

January 2025

Main Library
1786 Burlington Pike
Burlington, KY 41005

Scheben Branch
8899 U.S. 42
Union, KY 41091

Hebron Branch
1863 North Bend Rd.
Hebron, KY 41048

Walton Branch
13000 Towne Center Dr.
Walton, KY 41094

Florence Branch
7425 U.S. 42
Florence, KY 41042

Chapin
Memorial Library
6517 Market St.
Petersburg, KY 41080

Dear Director,

Thank you for partnering with us in our pilot project to promote 1000 Books Before Kindergarten through child care centers. Together we can inspire early literacy and a love of reading among your center's participants.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

[1000 Books Before Kindergarten](#) is a self-paced, year-round reading challenge that encourages families to count the books read to their child, whether at the Library, child care centers, home or anywhere else. Its purpose is to encourage families to prepare their children for kindergarten by developing early literacy skills and a love of reading in their children.

Families will create their own 1000 Books Before Kindergarten accounts, but we hope that your center will partner with them to reach their milestones. For some families, counting the books read at your center makes this program seem more attainable.

How You Can Support Your Families

We encourage you to share the number of books read in your classrooms in a way that works for you - weekly or monthly, via digital posts, newsletters, or a display at your center. As families reach their 100-book milestones, they can visit any BCPL location to pick up prizes.

We hope that this partnership helps your center reach its Kentucky Early Childhood Standards for Language and Early Literacy goals. With Boone County's kindergarten readiness currently at 53% (2023), the Library's hope is to boost early childhood literacy throughout the entire county.

Please see the reverse side of this letter for detailed information about launching this pilot project at your center.

Project Timeline

- **January 2025:** Centers distribute promotional bags and share the digital promotional image (*available at the link below*) with families.
- **February 2025:** Consider sharing the number of books read in your classrooms with families, to encourage progress towards 1000 books.
- **March 2025:** Complete a brief survey about the project (to be sent to directors and participating teachers).
- **April 2025:** Centers receive a thank-you gift for your participation and feedback.

Resources

Access digital materials to share with your families here:

<https://www.bcpl.org/reading-challenges/1000-books-child-care-centers>

Please reach out to your Library contact with questions or feedback, and thank you again for your partnership and commitment to early childhood literacy!

Sincerely,

Boone County Public Library Staff

