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### **Oshawa Public Libraries Launches 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Initiative**

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Beginning March 1, Oshawa Public Libraries encourages families to read “1000 Books before Kindergarten” with their children.

The concept is simple; the rewards are priceless. Read any book to your newborn, infant or toddler, and track your reading progress. The goal is to reach 1000 books before your child begins Kindergarten. It sounds like a lot, but it’s easy! If you start reading one book per day to your newborn now, you can meet your goal in less than 3 years!

Reading with your children provides them with many developmental benefits, including:

- Confidence building
- Ability to focus, concentrate, begin to learn social and communication skills
- Learn to recognize sounds, words and language, develop early literacy skills

OPL makes joining and participating easy and fun. For more details about our “1000 Books Before Kindergarten” program, free support materials and incentives, FAQs, and more, visit <https://oshlib.ca/1000Books>.

***Oshawa Public Libraries*** serves the City of Oshawa through 4 locations. To learn more about Oshawa Public Libraries, visit our website at [oshlib.ca](http://oshlib.ca). To get the most current updates on what's happening at the Library follow us on Twitter and Instagram @oshawalibraries

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