



1,000 Books Before KINDERGARTEN

Wells County Public Library

Books 1-100

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GETTING READY TO READ - "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children. This is especially so during the preschool years." From *Becoming a Nation of Readers*.

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Make book sharing time a special time for closeness with your child.

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Reading Activity for Babies - It is natural for babies to chew on books. Putting things in their mouths is one way to explore. Choose books for baby that are sturdy, made of cardboard, cloth, or plastic. As you gently pull the book from the baby's mouth, show him the pictures.

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Toddler Reading Activity - Use words to describe feelings, both yours and his. Try this song: "If you're happy and you know it, give a smile! (repeat). If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it. If you're happy and you know it, give a smile." "If you're angry... give a frown." "If you're sleepy... close your eyes." "If you're shy... turn your head" and so on.

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You can help your child learn the alphabet by playing with different shapes, reading alphabet books, and talking about the letters in your child's first name.

Keep up the great work! Don't forget to bring in your log to get a prize and your next set of pages.



Library Programs



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is designed to develop and encourage good reading habits in children from birth to kindergarten and their parents and/or caregivers. This program encourages parents to read to their children and develop the six early literacy skills promoted by ALA's program, *Every Child Ready to Read*.

The Wells County Public Library is striving to reinforce the objectives of *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* by offering regular and special programming. Generally, our regular programming runs in three sessions—a winter/spring session (February through April), a summer session (June and July), and a fall/winter session (October through December).

Regular Programs

Wee Read—Birth to 24 months

This Friday morning program is for our smallest patrons. It encourages communication and personal contact between child and parent. It is also a great way to meet other new parents. Wee Read is offered weekly on Friday at 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. This program runs for 6 weeks at a time. Registration is required.

Toddler Time—Ages 2 and 3

Toddlers with an adult caregiver can join in this program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, and a craft. Toddler Time's purpose is to encourage the love of reading and introduce children to a variety of stories and vocabulary. Sessions are offered weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. and on Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. Registration is required.

PJ Story Hour—Ages 3 to 6

Stories, videos, finger plays, and crafts related to a specific theme make learning fun. This program is offered once a month on the first Tuesday evening of the month and starts at 6:30 p.m. Registration is suggested.

Story Hour—Ages 4 to 6

Very similar in format to PJ Story Hour, this program is designed to aid in child development and socialization and to encourage the six pre-literacy skills. Story Hour is offered weekly on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Registration is suggested.

Additional programs can be found in the WCPL newsletter and website.

Services

Dial-A-Story (260-824-2710)

Dial-A-Story provides an opportunity for your child to listen to a story over the phone. Stories change on a regular basis.

Sick Kid's Kit

Your ill child will find books, games, crafts, and audio materials in these kits—plus a special get well card he can keep. Each kit is packed with things personally chosen for that child. Kits are on loan for three weeks.

Travel Bags

Young travelers can enjoy books, games, puzzles, and activity sheets while they're on the road. Typically, these are on loan with an adult card for seven days.

Birthday Bags

The birthday boy or girl will find special books, poems, and songs about birthdays—as well as a surprise to keep—in our library Birthday Bags. Requests must come from an adult.

Educationally appropriate toys and games

Our wide variety of games and toys are enjoyable and educational for children of all ages.

Collections

Picture Books
Alphabet Books
Holiday Books
Beginning Readers
Board Books
CD-ROMs

Music CDs and Cassettes
Audio Books and Audiokits
Child-appropriate Reference Materials
Magazines
Parent and Teacher Materials
Sex Education Materials



My favorite book is: _____