Trenton Veterans Memorial Library is proud to participate in **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.** This nationwide initiative encourages reading to newborns, toddlers, and preschoolers to foster a love of books and prepare them for school.

**How does it work?**  
Visit the library to receive a reading log, or create an account on READSQUARED. Every time you and your child read a book together, check off the log or record it on the app. It doesn’t matter if it’s the same book multiple times. All that matters is that you’re reading! When you reach a hundreds place milestone (100 books, 200 books, etc.), visit the library for a sticker. Your child will receive a tote bag upon registering. Once they've completed 1,000 books, they will receive a certificate of completion from the program.

**Who can participate?**  
All children from birth through the time they enter kindergarten. Families are encouraged to participate together, so feel free to sign up multiple children.

**How long will it take?**  
The program is self-paced, so it can take anywhere from a few months to a few years! It’s really up to you and depends on how often you read together.

**How do you begin?**  
[Sign-up](https://trentonvml.readsquared.com/)to learn more about the program and begin tracking your child’s books. Paper reading logs can be downloaded below.

* [100 Books Reading Log](100%20Books%20Reading%20Log.pdf)
* [200 Books Reading Log](200%20Books%20Reading%20Log.pdf)
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