



## San Mateo County Libraries

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| <p><b>1</b> Atherton<br/>2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane<br/>Atherton CA 94027</p>         | <p><b>6</b> Foster City<br/>1000 East Hillsdale Boulevard<br/>Foster City CA 94404</p> | <p><b>9</b> Pacifica Sharp Park<br/>104 Hilton Way<br/>Foster City CA 94044</p>  |
| <p><b>2</b> Belmont<br/>1110 Alameda de las Pulgas<br/>Belmont CA 94002</p>           | <p><b>7</b> Half Moon Bay<br/>620 Correas Street<br/>Half Moon Bay CA 94019</p>        | <p><b>10</b> Portola Valley<br/>765 Portola Road<br/>Portola Valley CA 94028</p> |
| <p><b>3</b> Brisbane<br/>250 Visitacion Avenue<br/>Brisbane CA 94005</p>              | <p><b>8</b> Millbrae<br/>1 Library Avenue<br/>Millbrae CA 94030</p>                    | <p><b>11</b> San Carlos<br/>810 Elm Street<br/>San Carlos CA 94070</p>           |
| <p><b>4</b> East Palo Alto<br/>2415 University Avenue<br/>East Palo Alto CA 94303</p> | <p><b>5</b> Pacifica Sanchez<br/>1111 Tama Nova Boulevard<br/>Pacifica CA 94044</p>    | <p><b>12</b> Woodside<br/>3140 Woodside Road<br/>Woodside CA 94062</p>           |

**1000**  
books before  
kindergarten



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## What is this program?

Experts believe that children need to hear 1,000 stories before they start kindergarten. We will help you achieve that goal, and celebrate you and your child every step of the way. Children of any age who have not yet started kindergarten—and their grown-ups, of course—are encouraged to participate!

You can read

**1** book per day  
for **3** years

or

**3** books per day  
for **1** year

= **1000** books!

## Are there rules limiting the books we can read?

Nope! Any book counts.

**Repeated reading** (reading the same book over and over again) is more than okay: it's encouraged! Hearing the same story more than once helps children develop vocabulary and narrative skills, and knowing what to expect allows them to feel like part of the reading.

While we hope that many of the books you read together will come from the library, **books from your personal collection** certainly count, too.

## How does it work?

Stop by the Information Desk to ***pick up the first Log Sheet or download it*** from our website. Each sheet has room for 100 books.

***Stock up on books!***  
Our staff is here to support you; we have plenty of recommendations to share.

***Read with your child*** whenever and wherever possible.

For each book that you read together, ***color in one of the little pictures on your Log Sheet.*** No titles necessary, and no deadline! As long as you reach 1,000 books before your child's first day of Kindergarten, you will accomplish the goal.

When your Log Sheet is complete, ***bring it to the Information Desk*** and exchange it for the next one. Your child will receive a small prize (sticker, bookmark, etc.).

When you have completed Log Sheet 401-500, bring your sheet to the Information Desk and you'll get to ***choose a free book.***

When you have completed Log Sheet 901-1,000 ***CELEBRATE! You did it!*** Bring your last Log Sheet to the Information Desk and receive a free book.

***Don't stop reading!***

Each story you share will benefit your child.