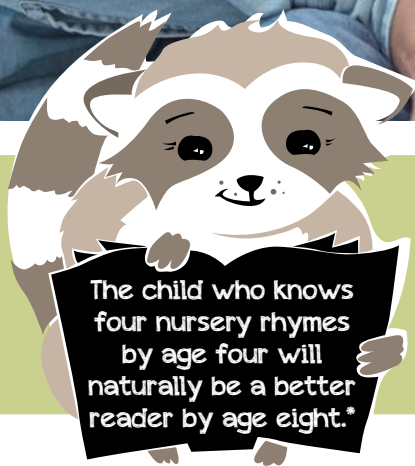




The simple and enjoyable act of sharing books helps your child learn pre-reading skills such as understanding the sounds that letters make, developing a bigger vocabulary, and building background knowledge—all important skills that help prepare your child for learning to read and entering kindergarten.



The child who knows four nursery rhymes by age four will naturally be a better reader by age eight.\*

Singing songs, saying rhymes, telling stories, and playing with your child are all great ways to build literacy skills!

## Reading with your child daily

- Brings you and your child closer together
- Introduces them to new experiences
- Develops their vocabulary
- Prepares them to become a stronger reader
- Increases their success rate in school
- Shows them that you love them and value your time with them

## Reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost brain power

Research shows that the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood. Reading to children from an early age increases their vocabulary and prepares them for kindergarten with the skills they need to succeed. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and reading.

\*www.scottishbooktrust.com/blog/2012/10/five-fun-facts-about-early-literacy

The Sioux City Public Library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a fun way to track your reading goals. See the back panel for more details.



Do you have a child who is not yet in kindergarten?

Read daily with your child and take part in our program that promotes school readiness!

Infants, toddlers, and preschoolers are all eligible to participate. You are your child's first and best teacher!



[siouxcitylibrary.org](http://siouxcitylibrary.org)

child's name:

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track your first 200 books with this card

Children who hear at least 1000 books before kindergarten have greater success learning to read. Encourage learning by spending time sharing books each and every day. Reading together helps develop important pre-reading skills that provide a solid reading foundation — and it's fun!



1000 books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book a night, you'll meet your goal in less than three years!



**Boost Your Child's Brain Power:**  
The Benefits of Reading Together



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**How to get started**

1. Mark one of the boxes each time your child enjoys a book to track your progress.
  - If your child wants to hear the same book again and again, count it each time. Repetition is good for learning new words!
  - Count the books your child hears in storytime, in daycare or preschool, and with a friend or family member. Listening to books is the goal!
2. Bring your completed card to any of the Sioux City Library locations, and we'll celebrate the accomplishment with you! During your visit to the Library, you'll also receive the next card you need to continue tracking books.



**Other ways to participate**

Download the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten app (for iPhone and Android) to keep a digital record of the books you and your child have read. Show your progress in the app to Library staff at the 200, 400, 600, 800 and 1,000 levels to receive recognition and prizes.



<b>Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library</b>	529 Pierce St. 712.255.2933 Ext. 231
Monday-Wednesday	9 am - 8 pm
Thursday-Saturday	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday (September-May)	1 pm - 5 pm
Sunday (June-August)	Closed
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<b>Morningside Branch Library</b>	4005 Morningside Ave.
Monday-Thursday	10 am - 6 pm
Friday-Saturday	10 am - 5 pm
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<b>Perry Creek Branch Library</b>	2912 Hamilton Blvd (Lower B)
Monday-Friday	10:30 am - 5:30 pm

**Congratulations!** You and your child have read 200 books! Bring this card to any Sioux City Public Library location to receive your prize and another card to complete 400 books!