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### **Pike County Public Library Launches “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” Program to Build Early Literacy Skills**

Milford, PA – The Pike County Public Library, a proud PA Forward® Gold Star Library, is excited to announce the launch of 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, a new year-round early literacy initiative designed to support families in building strong reading habits with their young children, long before they step into a classroom.

This free program encourages parents and caregivers to read with their children ages birth through the start of kindergarten, regularly, with the goal of reaching 1,000 books before kindergarten. Research consistently shows that shared reading builds early language skills, strengthens family bonds, and sets the foundation for future academic success.

Participation is easy:

- Families register at the Pike County Public Library-Children’s Room
- Children receive a reading log to track progress
- Every book counts, even repeats
- Children earn small incentives along the way
- Families can complete the program at their own pace

As a PA Forward® Gold Star Library, the Pike County Public Library is committed to offering programs that build essential literacy skills and enhance the community through education, advocacy, and leadership for patrons of all ages.

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