

It is easy to participate! How do I get started?

1. Visit hartfordlibrary.beanstack.org. Beanstack is your online reading challenge platform to log your reading progress. Through Beanstack, readers can log their reading time to earn badges and prizes.
2. If you already have an account (summer or winter reading programs), log in and sign up for reading challenges.
3. To create an account, click on Register an Individual or Family.
4. If you are an adult registering a family, first click on I am registering myself. To register only your children, click on I am registering a child.
5. Fill in the required fields and select the Reading Challenges your readers are eligible to join.
6. Now that you are registered, you will be taken to your account page. From here, you can begin to log your reading!



How do I log reading?

On a Computer

- Go to hartfordlibrary.beanstack.org to sign into your account.
- Click on Log Reading and Activities on the top left side of the website.

On a Phone

- Use the Beanstack Tracker app to sign into your account.
- Click on the plus icon at the bottom of the app to log your reading.

As you log your reading, you will unlock digital badges. When you reach each milestone, you'll get a special message!

- We have tracker folders printed at the library if your child would like to keep track of the books while you track reading on the app or website. You can also print them yourself. If you read the same book 5 times, log it 5 times in Beanstack and your child crosses off 5 circles!
- For every 100 books you and your child read together, we grow a flower! Come to the youth desk after each 100 books to receive a petal. When you reach 1,000, you will have completed your flower!
- Collect milestone prizes. Children receive prizes at 100, 500, and 1,000 books.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How old does my child have to be to enroll in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program?

A: Any child who has not yet started kindergarten is eligible to enroll. Current participants range in age from newborn to 6 years. Reading together is important at any age.

Q: How quickly do I have to finish the program?

A: The goal is to finish the program before your child enters kindergarten so you can read at your own pace.

Q: Do we have to read certain books?

A: No, all books count. Read favorites from your shelves at home or stock up on books here at the Library. Even if you read a favorite book 10 times, each time counts in logging a book! All reading is beneficial.