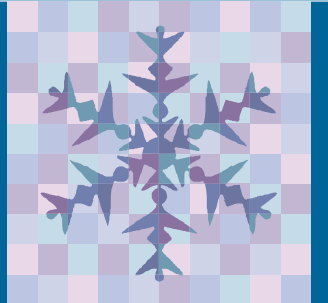


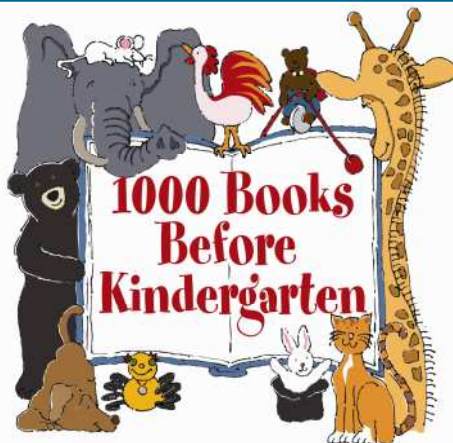
# Kid's Connection



## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Friends of the Library Sponsor Pilot Program

Is it really that important to read to babies? The answer is a resounding "YES!" In an effort to increase awareness of the importance of early literacy and to encourage parents of babies and preschoolers to enthusiastically embrace their role as their child's first teacher, the Children's Department has developed a pilot program entitled *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*.

The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is open to only 50 parents and their children ages birth—four years old. Parents enrolling their children will receive a *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* book bag for themselves, a



*1000 Books Before Kindergarten* book bag for their child, a notebook with recording sheets, a program brochure and a coupon for one free children's book at the Friends of the Library Bookstore. For each 100 books read to the child, the child will receive a reward.

Research shows that by

reading an average of four books a week from birth until the age of five, approximately 1000 books, parents can increase their child's chances of early educational success. As a matter of fact, "no other single activity is regarded as important as the shared book experience between caregivers and children."

Registration is required for the *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program and begins on Thursday, January 25, 2007 and is in person only. Please remember that registration is on a first come, first served basis and this pilot program is limited.

## New in January—Saturday Storytime No Registration required

The Children's Department is proud to announce the addition of a new Saturday Storytime. Every other Saturday, the library will hold a drop-in Storytime for children ages 2-5 and their parents, grandparents or caregivers. The Storytime will begin at

10:30AM.

Although any adult and child are encouraged to attend together, the Storytimes will be designated either Daddy & Me or Mommy & Me. The class series will begin on Saturday, January 27, 2007, with

Daddy & Me Storytime, followed by Mommy & Me Storytime on Saturday February 10, 2007 alternating Saturdays until the end of the session, Saturday, April 21, 2007 with a combined Daddy & Me/Mommy & Me celebration.

Afternoons with  
Lynn  
Presents...  
The Magic Tree  
House



Children ages 7—10 are invited to register at the Children's Services Desk for the January Afternoons with Lynn, *The Magic Tree House*, being held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 from 4:00PM—4:45 PM. Don't miss this time travelin' celebration!

### Coming Soon

#### For February Vacation *Sir George and the Dragon*

- A Puppet Show for Kids of All Ages
- Wednesday, February 21, 2007, 3 PM
- Registration is required
- Register beginning February 1, 2007