

## **1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION**

**The 1000 Books Foundation** is operated exclusively for charitable, literary, and educational purposes. The objectives of this organization are:

- to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers
- to encourage parent and child bonding through reading

Numerous studies estimate that as many as one in five children have difficulties learning to read. Reading has been associated as an early indicator of academic success. Public formal education does not typically start until ages 5-6. Before then, parents and caregivers are the first education providers during the 0-5 early critical years. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is a simple (read a book, any book to your child, with the goal of reading 1,000 before kindergarten) and very manageable endeavor. Go to [1000booksbeforekindergarten.org](http://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org) for more information.

To sign up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten at the Spirit Lake Public Library, just stop in during open hours: Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 6 PM, Friday 9 AM – 4 PM, and Saturday 9 AM – 2 PM. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the SLPL is supported by the Friends of the Spirit Lake Public Library.