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# 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

CHALLENGE



READING LOG

# Taking the Challenge!



Welcome to the *1000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge*, a new Library program – sponsored by The Library Foundation – that encourages all families and caregivers to read at least 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten.

Studies have shown that families who start reading aloud to their children at birth help build language skills, cultivate an extensive vocabulary, and improve attention spans and listening skills – important tools for beginning to learn to read in kindergarten.

Now that you have your reading log, it's time to get started! Reading 1,000 books before kindergarten is as easy as 1, 2, 3. The average children's picture book takes just 5 minutes to read. If you read 3 books a day - just 15 minutes - for 1 year, you and your child will have read 1,095 books.

## How the Challenge Works:

Each time you read a book with your child, color or check off the picture of the book in your reading log. Remember, if you read the same book over and over again, it counts each time. Stories read to your child at daycare or preschool, at the Library's Storytimes or at grandma's house count too!

### READING MILESTONES

- 100 books = sticker
- 250 books = child's name displayed at the library
- 500 books = bookmark
- 750 books = certificate
- 1,000 books = a book to take home

When you reach a milestone, bring your reading log to the Library to collect your prize! Read 1,000 books before kindergarten and your child will receive a free book of their very own. **Plus, every 1,000 book reader will be entered for a chance to win one of three \$500 Barnes & Noble gift cards.**

## Need help finding books to read with your preschooler?

Stop by the Library and ask a Children's Librarian for help, or visit [LFPL.org/1000Books](http://LFPL.org/1000Books) and click on the 'Suggested Reading List' link.

# Literacy Tips\*



## My Very Own ABCs

Make an alphabet book. Clip pictures from magazines to illustrate each letter or create your own pictures. Decorate with markers, glitter, fancy paper, feathers and sequins, stencils, and stamps—whatever makes playing with letters fun.



**Tell a story about your childhood.** Children have a great interest in hearing about experiences their parents had at a similar age.



## Scribble, Scribble

Help your child experiment with writing using pencils, crayons, markers, and chalk on different kinds of paper and cardboard. Encourage him or her to make scribbles like the strokes used later to form letters: straight lines, curves, and circles.



## Make Music

Children develop motor skills as they clap, jump, twirl, and spin to music. Make simple musical instruments and play them as you sing. Fill a plastic bottle with cereal or use a pie-tin and wooden spoon as percussion instruments.



## Sandpaper Letters

Cut letters out of sandpaper. Make them about three inches tall, so your child can play with them, feel their contours, and learn about letterforms. You can also make touch-friendly letters out of foam sheets from the craft store, felt, play dough, or corrugated cardboard. Encourage your child to touch the letters, play with them, and explore the alphabet.



**Use simple props** such as a puppet or a stuffed animal to tell a story. Use silly voices for different characters and ask your child to join in.


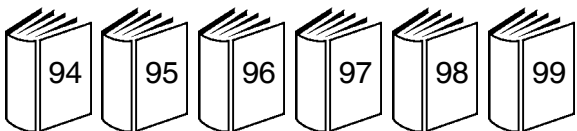
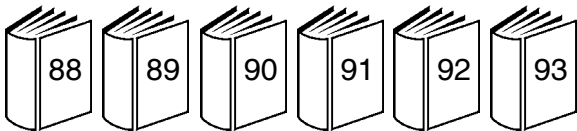
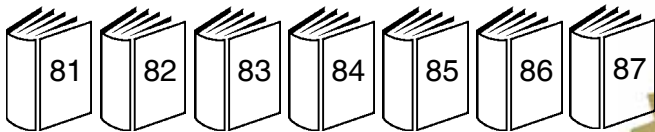
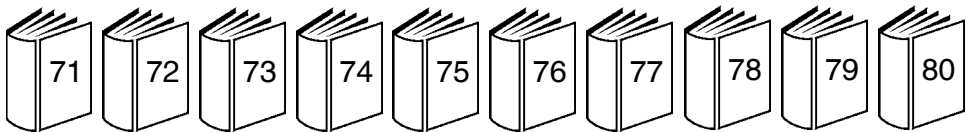
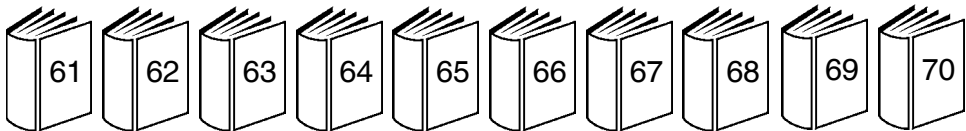
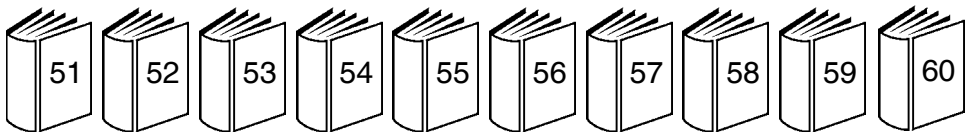
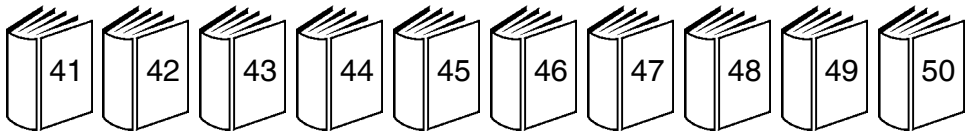
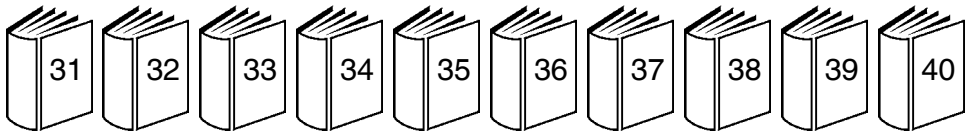
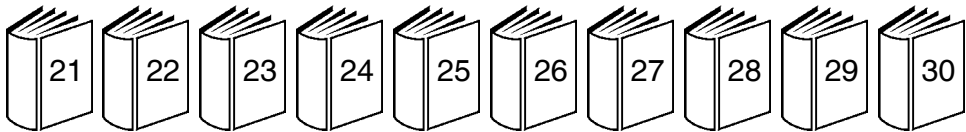
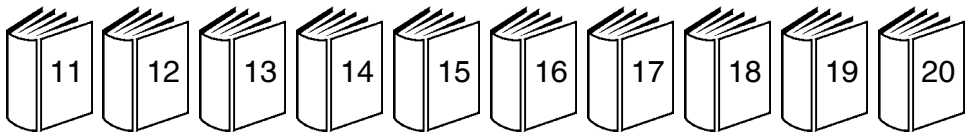
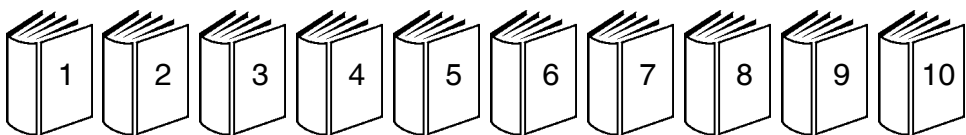


**Sing with your children** any chance you have: at home, in the car, during a walk. You don't need a perfect voice, just some enthusiasm. Play music that was written especially for children.



## Play Together

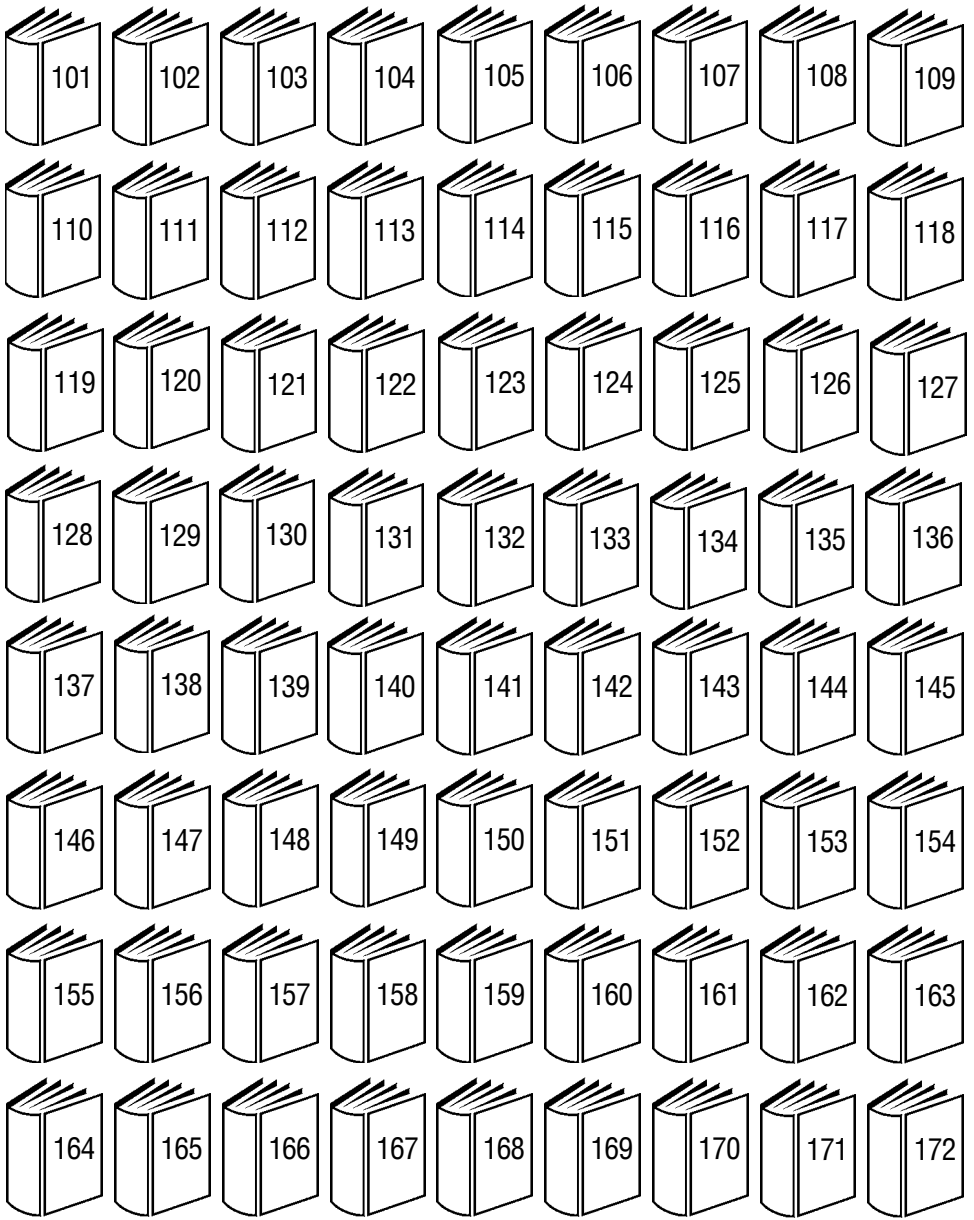
Many activities that young children enjoy are terrific for developing the fine motor skills and eye-hand coordination that they need for writing. Encourage your child to cut paper with child-friendly scissors, place beads on a string (or pasta shapes on a shoelace), play with blocks, and do simple jigsaw puzzles.



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Visit the library to pick up  
your **100 Book Sticker**.  
Place it here.

*You Read 100 Books!*



**These were my 5 Favorite Books:**

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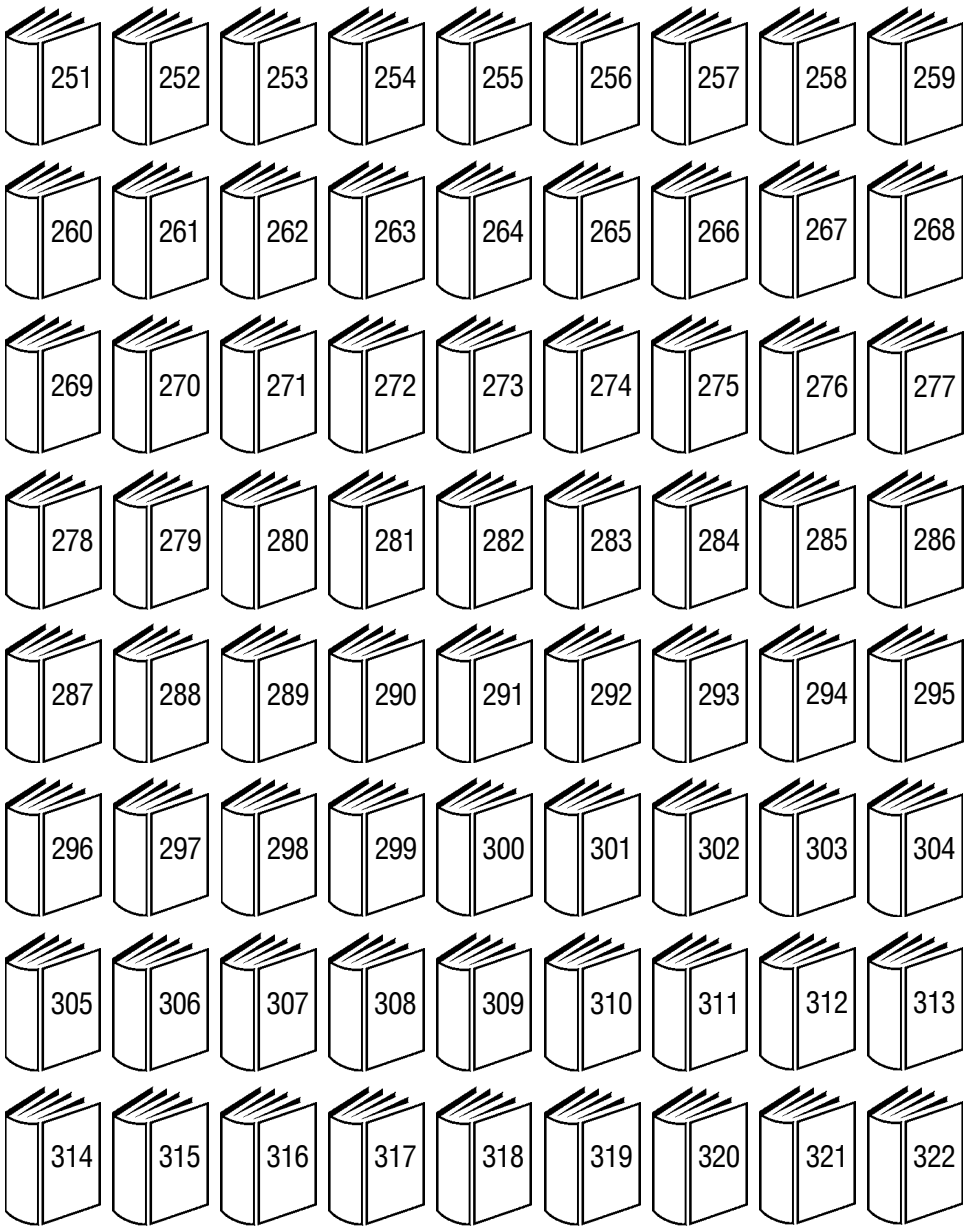
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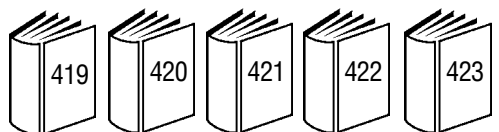
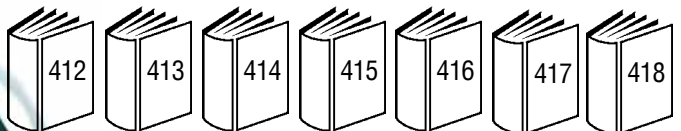
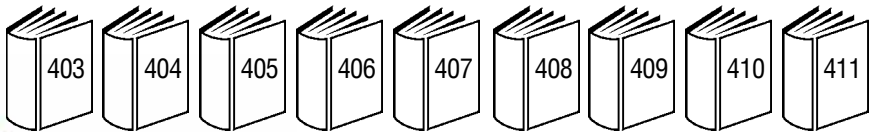
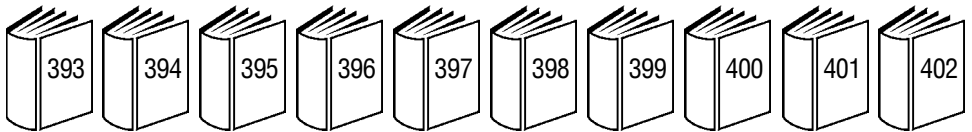
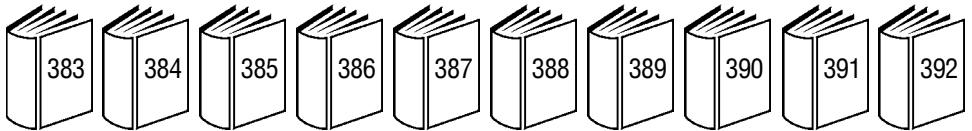
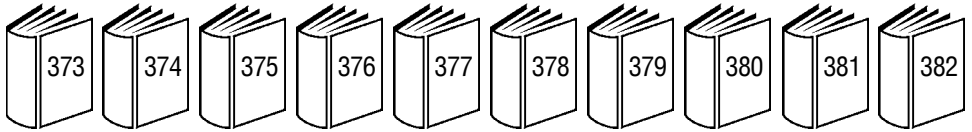
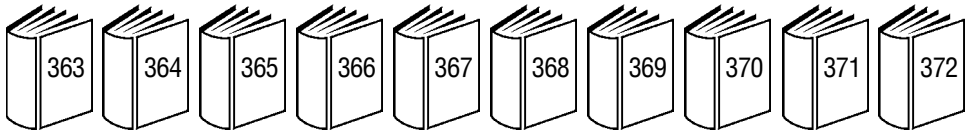
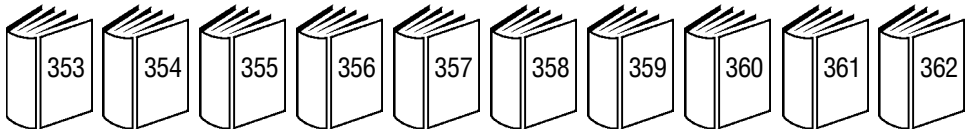
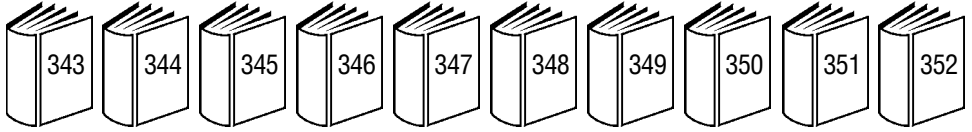
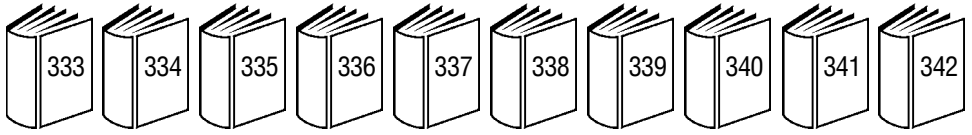
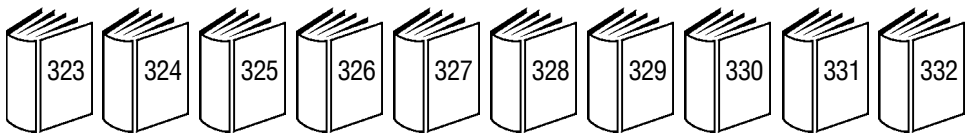
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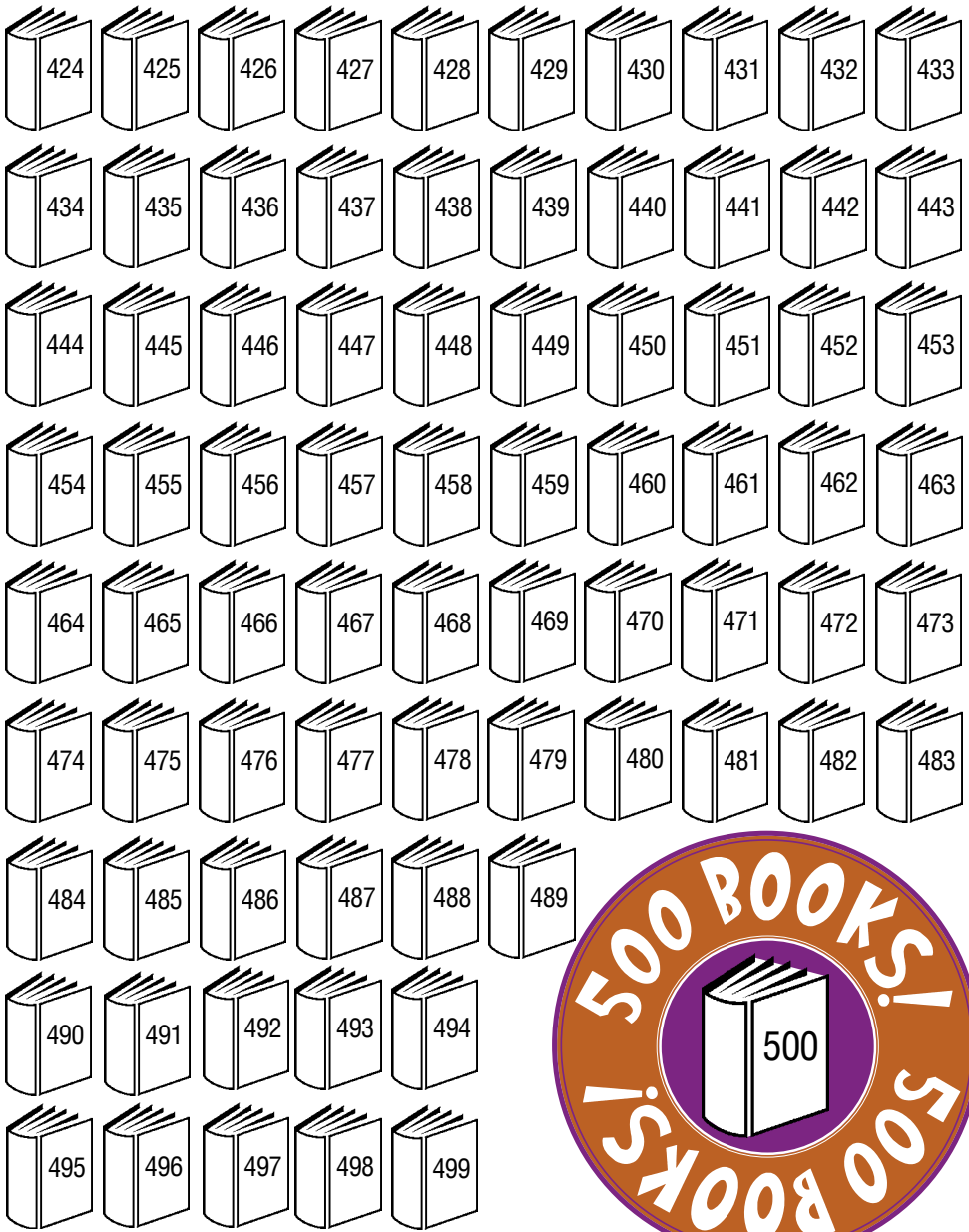
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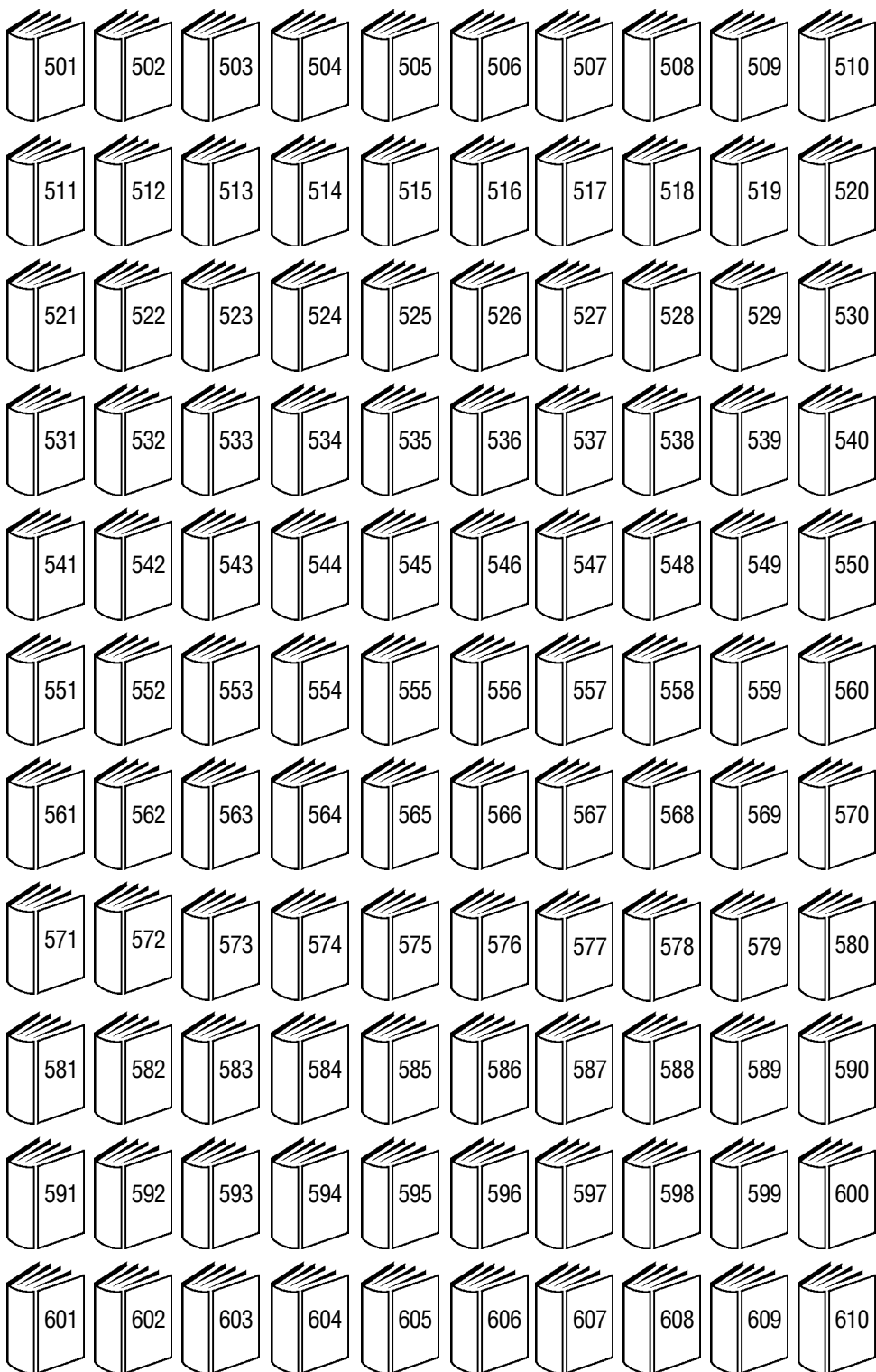
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*Way to go – you're halfway there!*  
Visit the library to collect your prize.

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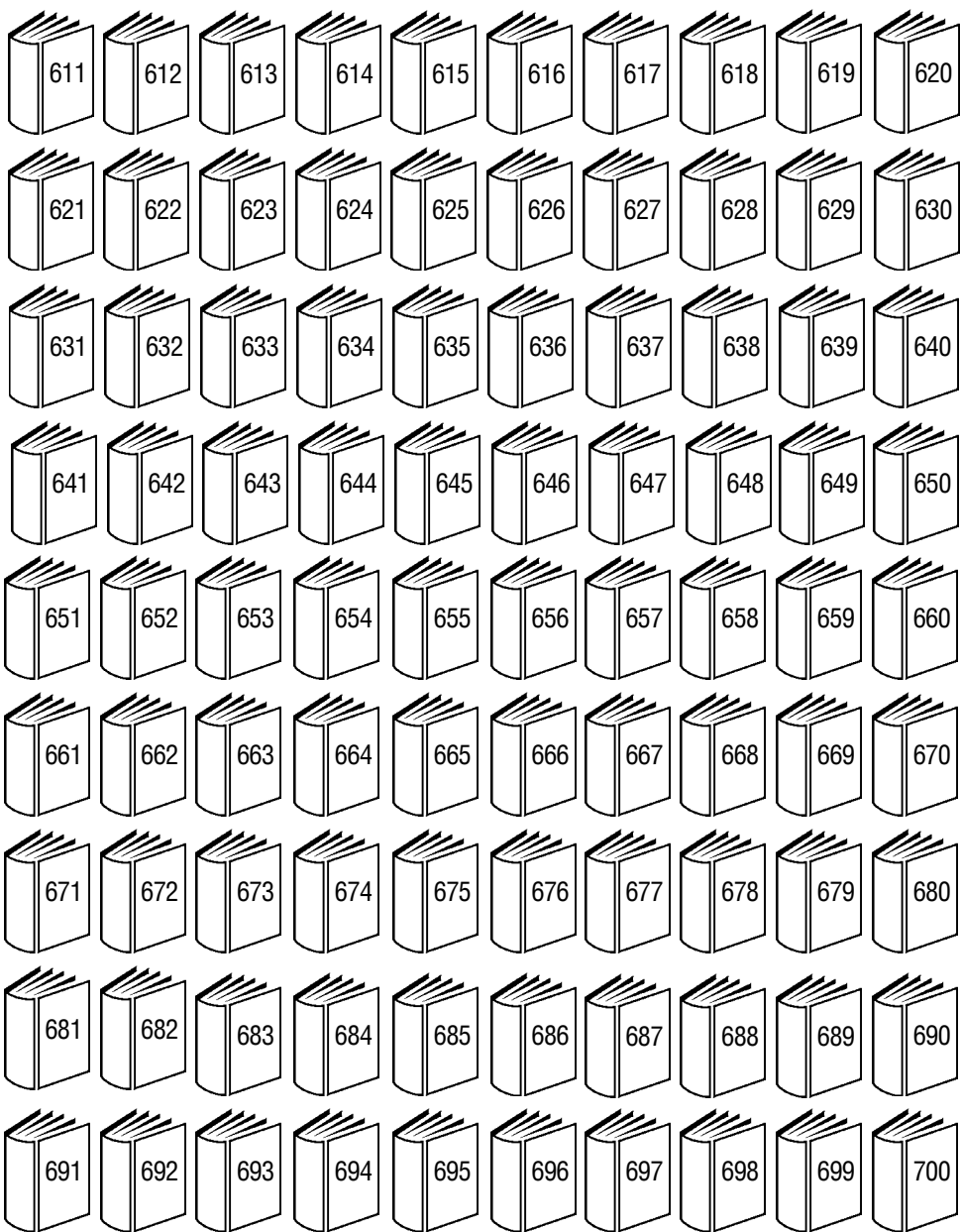
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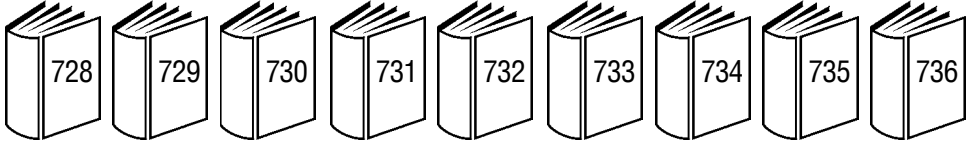
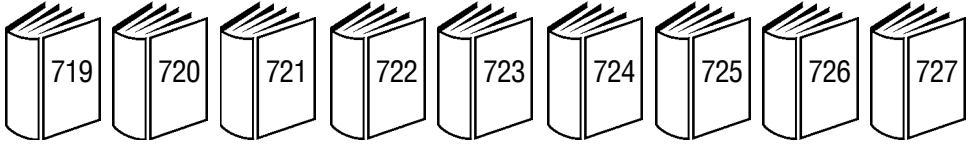
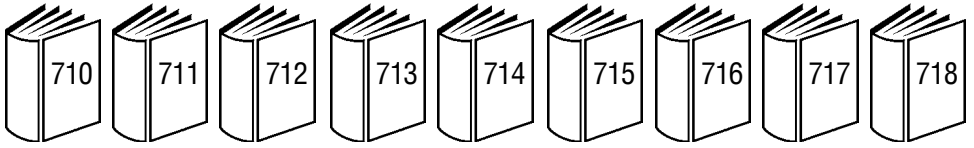
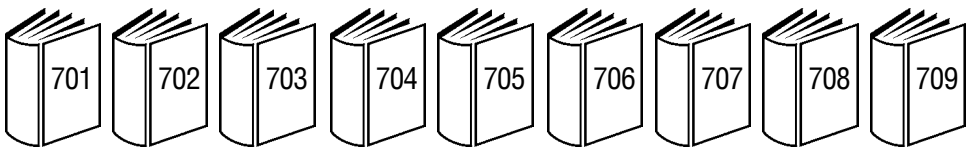


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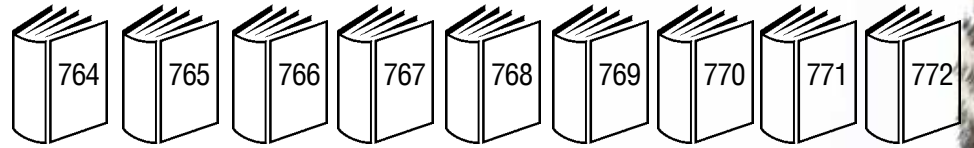
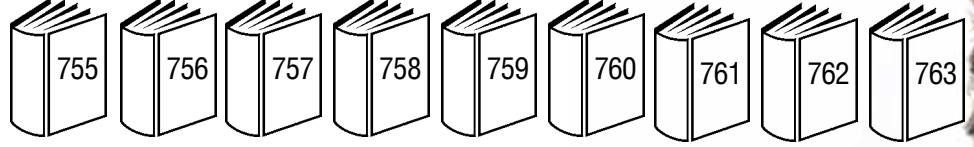
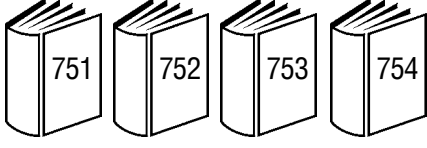
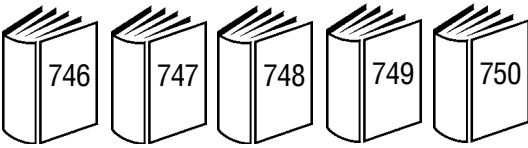
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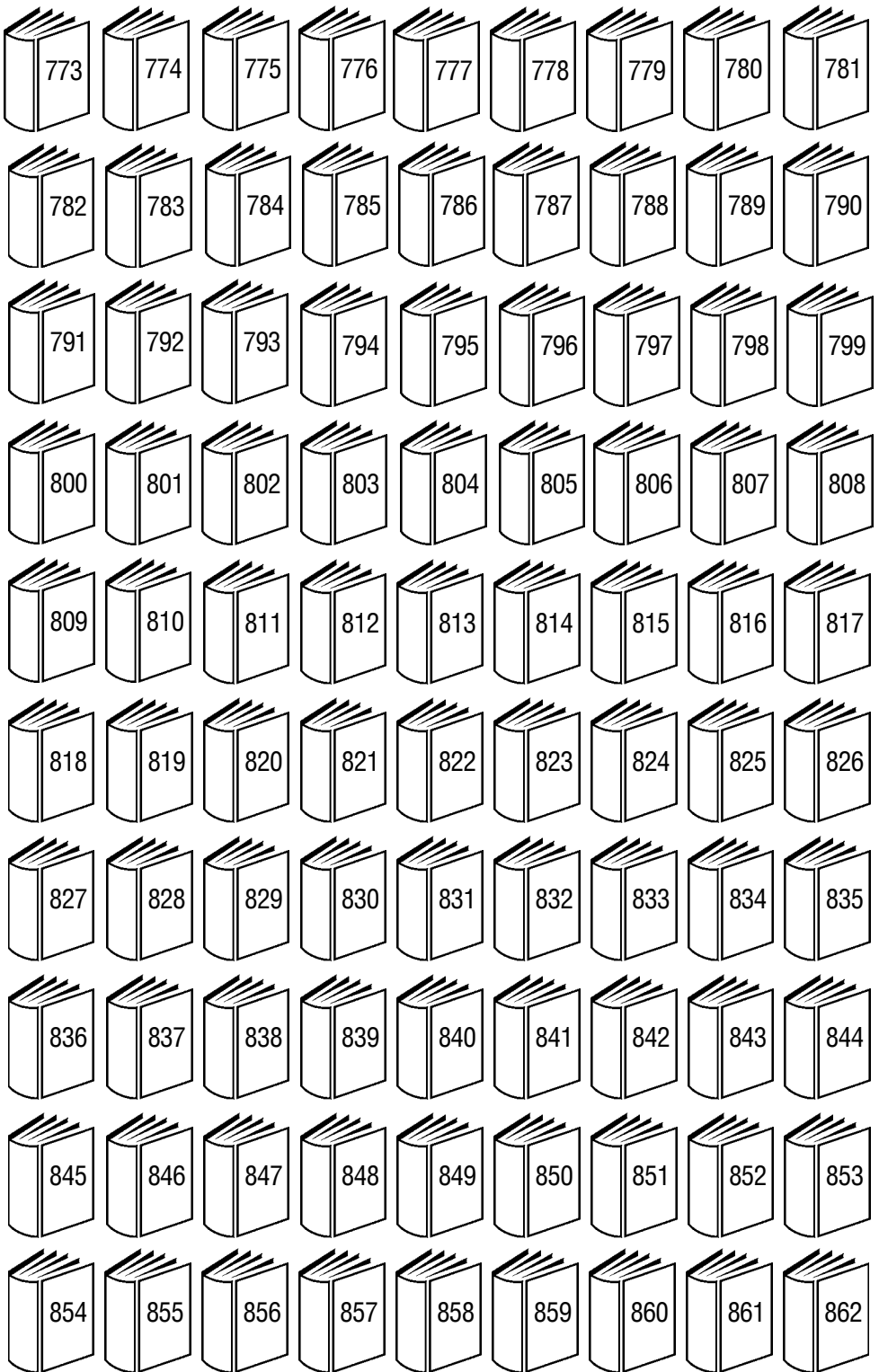
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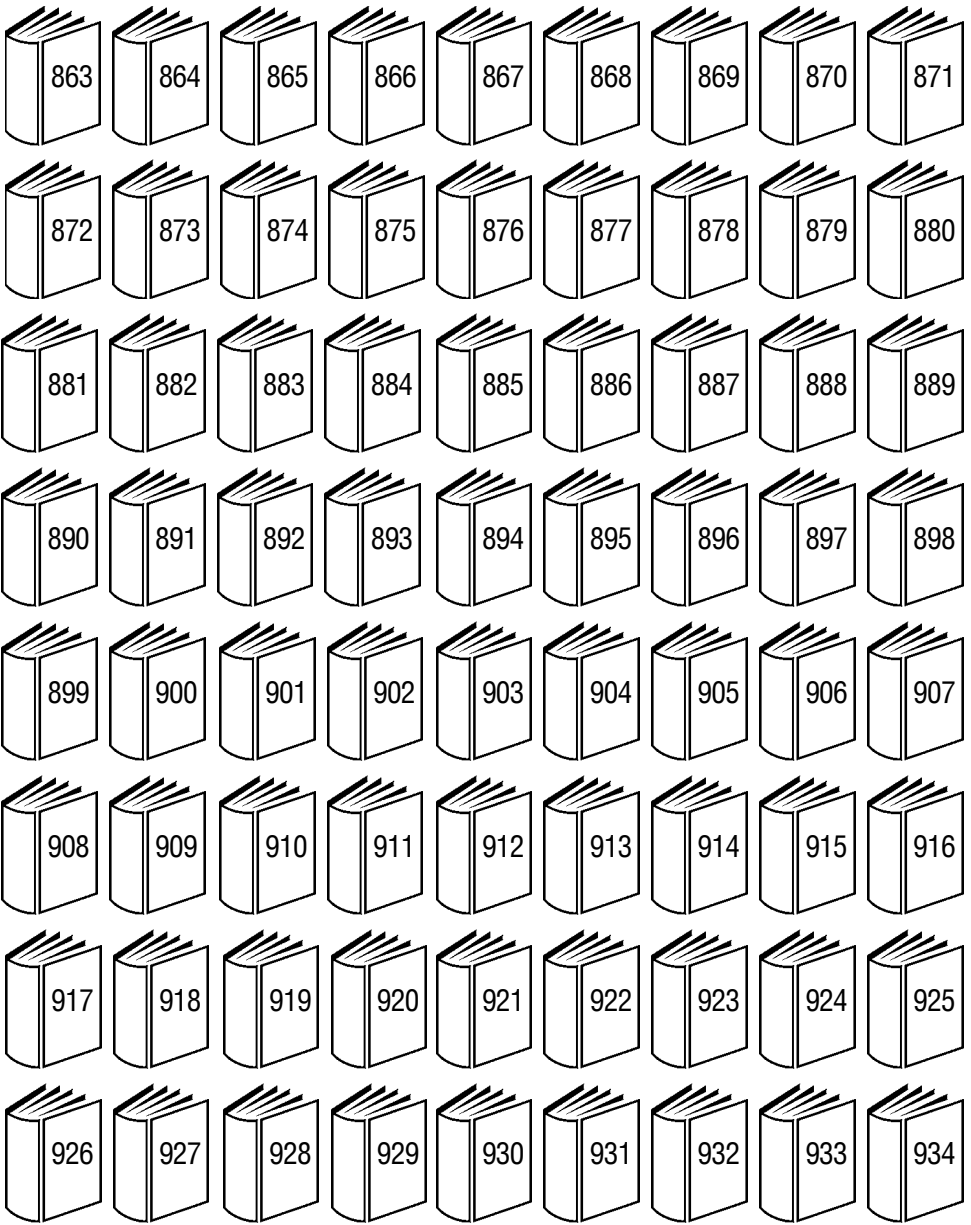


# Outstanding!



***You Read 750 Books!***  
Come to the library and collect your prize --  
*you earned it!*





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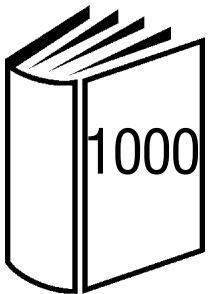
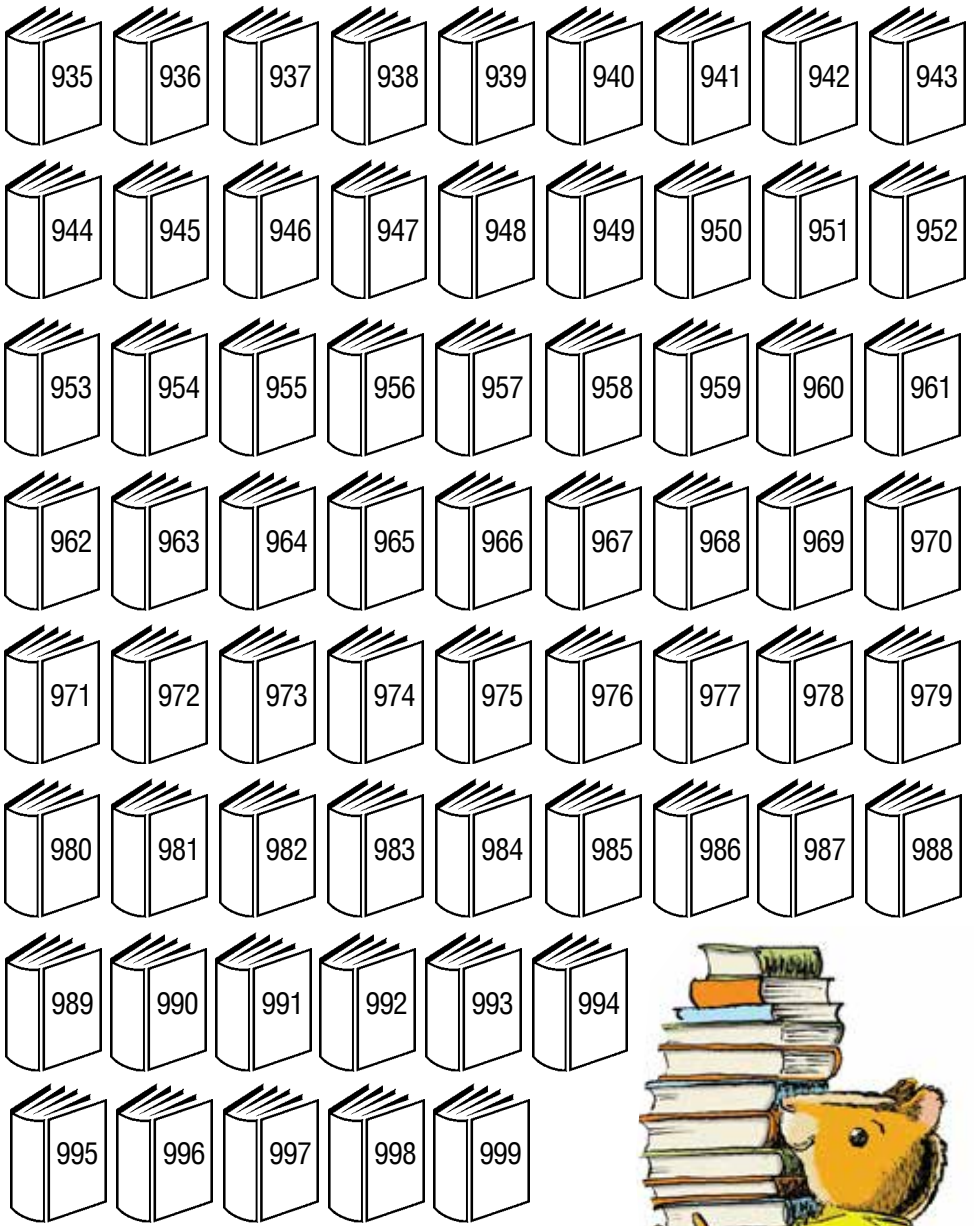
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# You Did it!

*You Read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.* Come tell us all about it and we'll give you a book of your very own.



Join us for  
**Children's Storytimes**

*at any of the Louisville Free Public Library's 18 locations*

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