

The Library Foundation
presents

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

CHALLENGE

OFFICIAL READER'S LOG



Taking the Challenge!



Welcome to the *1000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge*, a 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 = bookmark

500 books = magnetic memo pad

750 books = a book to take home

1,000 books = a special medal

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 special medal in recognition of their accomplishment.

Prefer to do things online? Simply go to LFPL.org/Beanstack, create a free account, and register for the *1000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge*. If you have previously signed up online for our annual Summer Reading Program, you already have an account. You just need to register for *1000 Books*.

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 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.

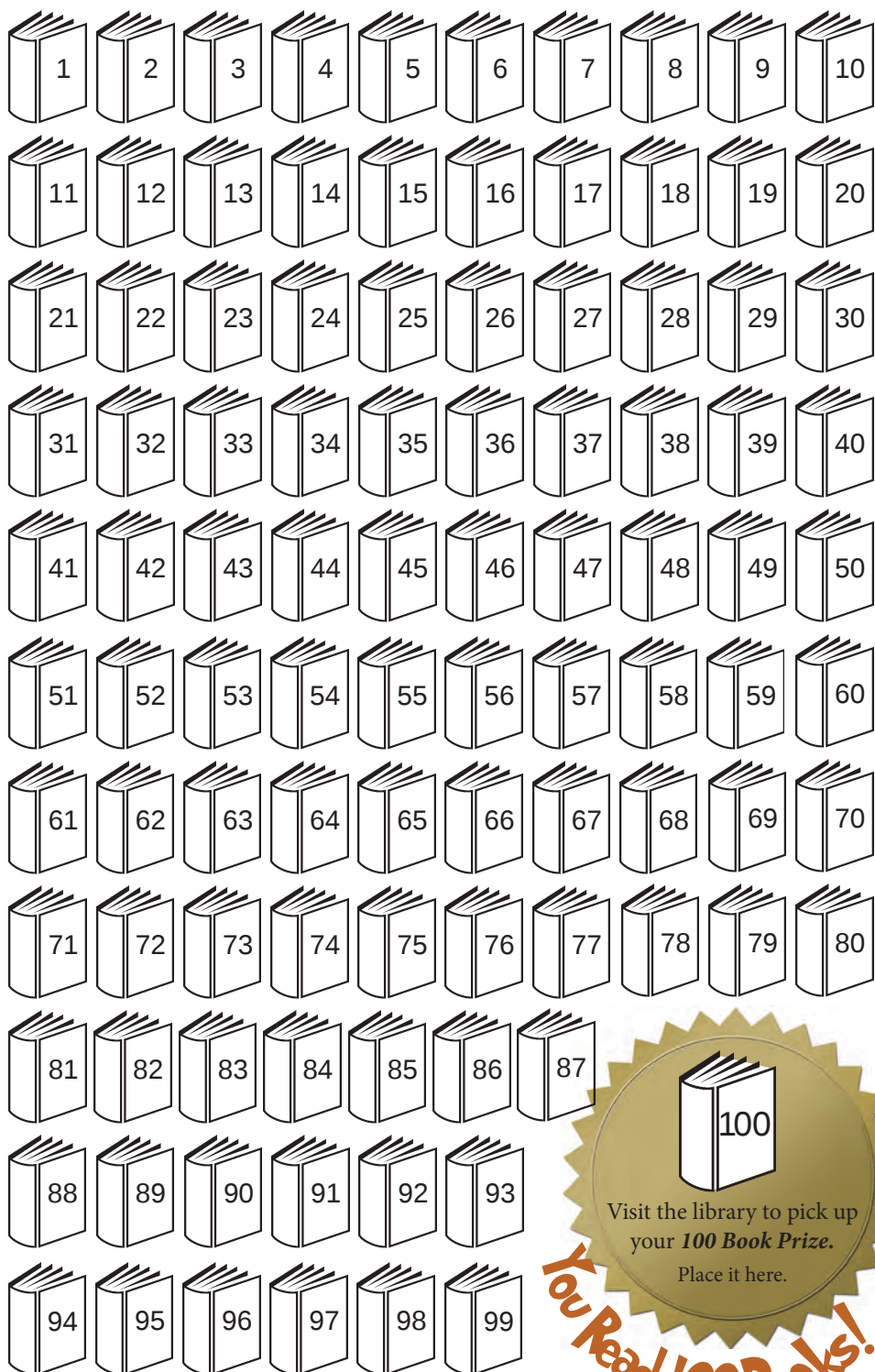


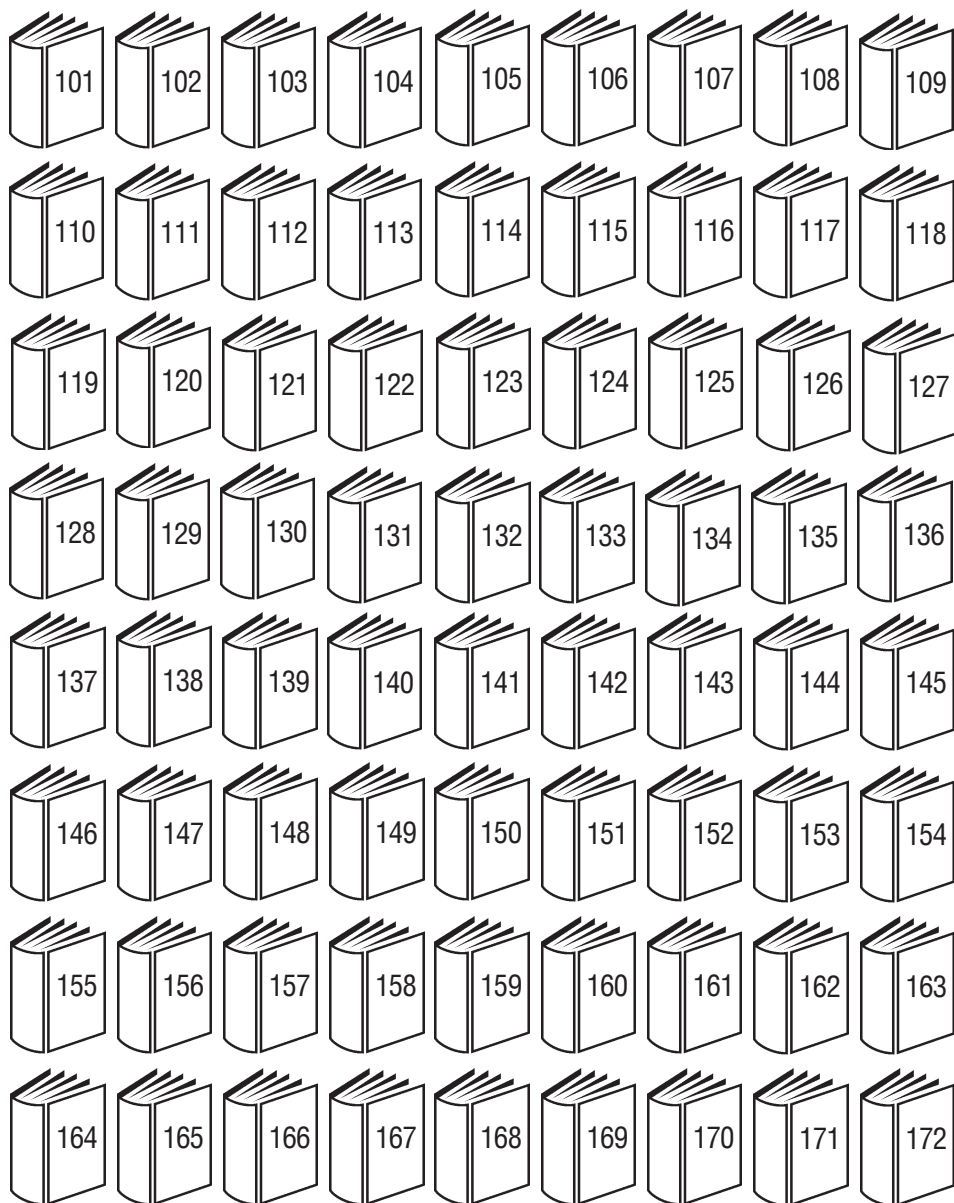
Sing with your children any chance you have: at home, in the car, during a walk. You don't need a perfect voice, just some enthusiasm. Play music that was written especially for children.



Play Together

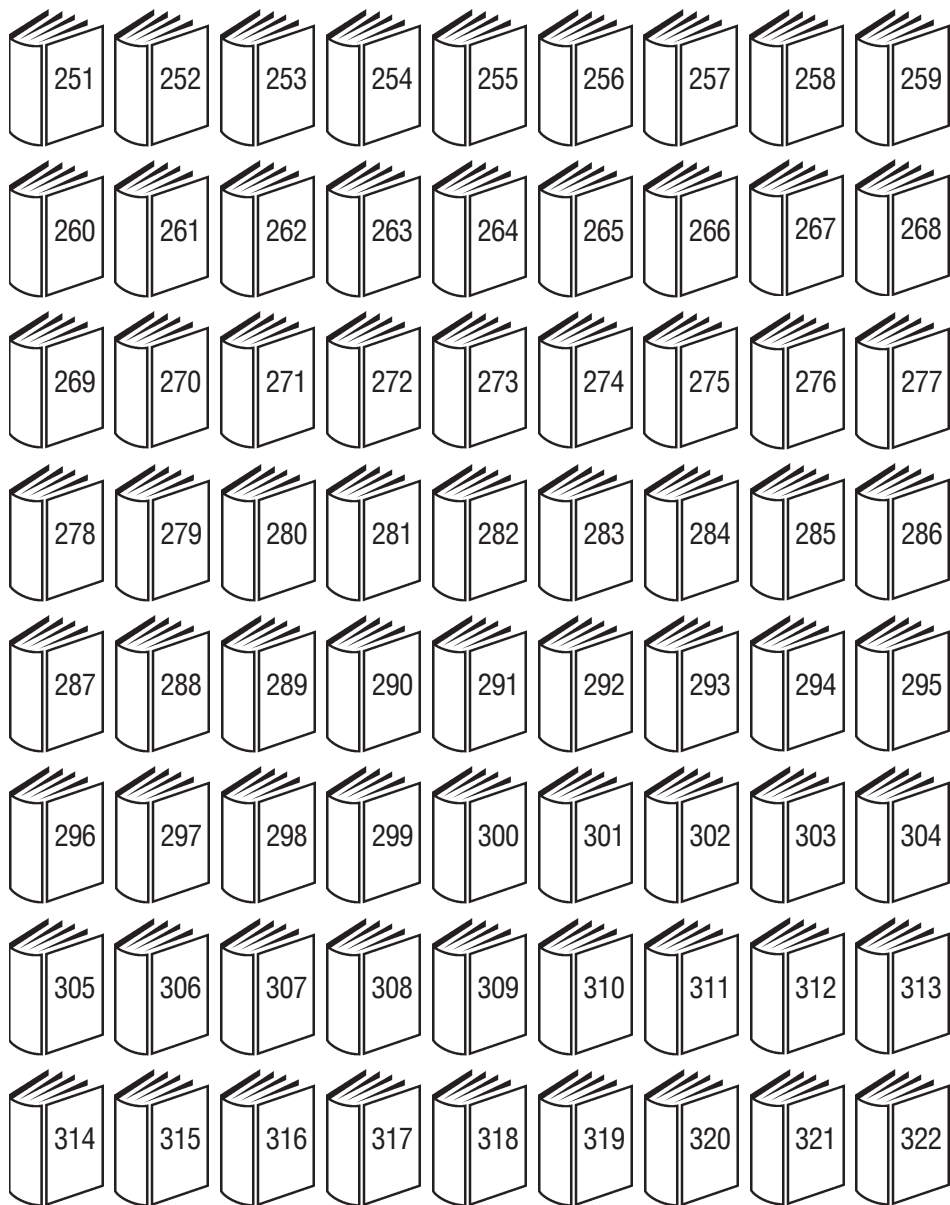
Many activities that young children enjoy are terrific for developing the fine motor skills and eye-hand coordination that they need for writing. Encourage your child to cut paper with child-friendly scissors, place beads on a string (or pasta shapes on a shoelace), play with blocks, and do simple jigsaw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



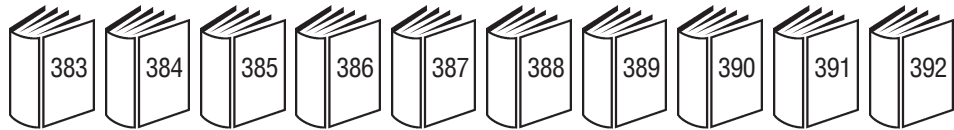


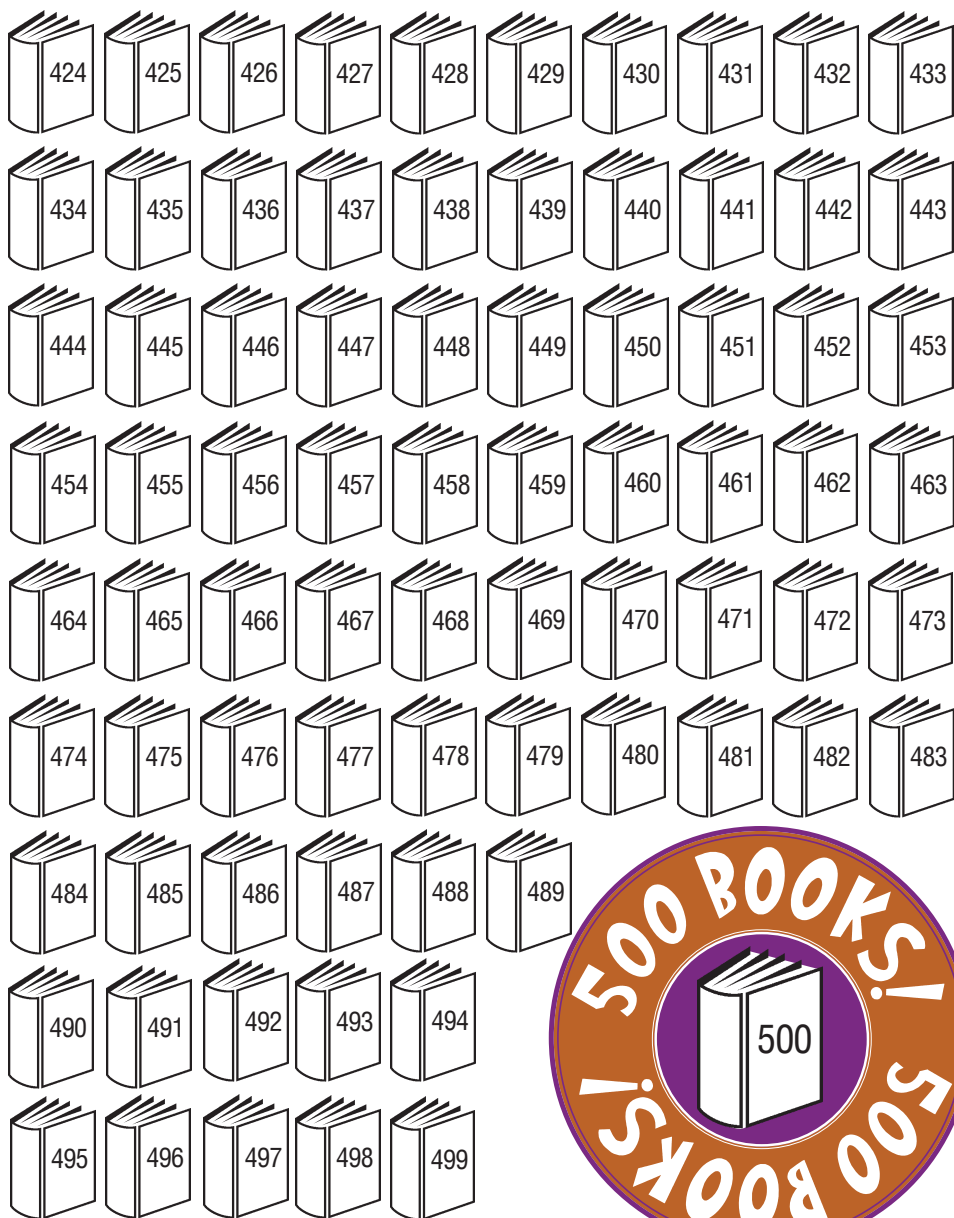
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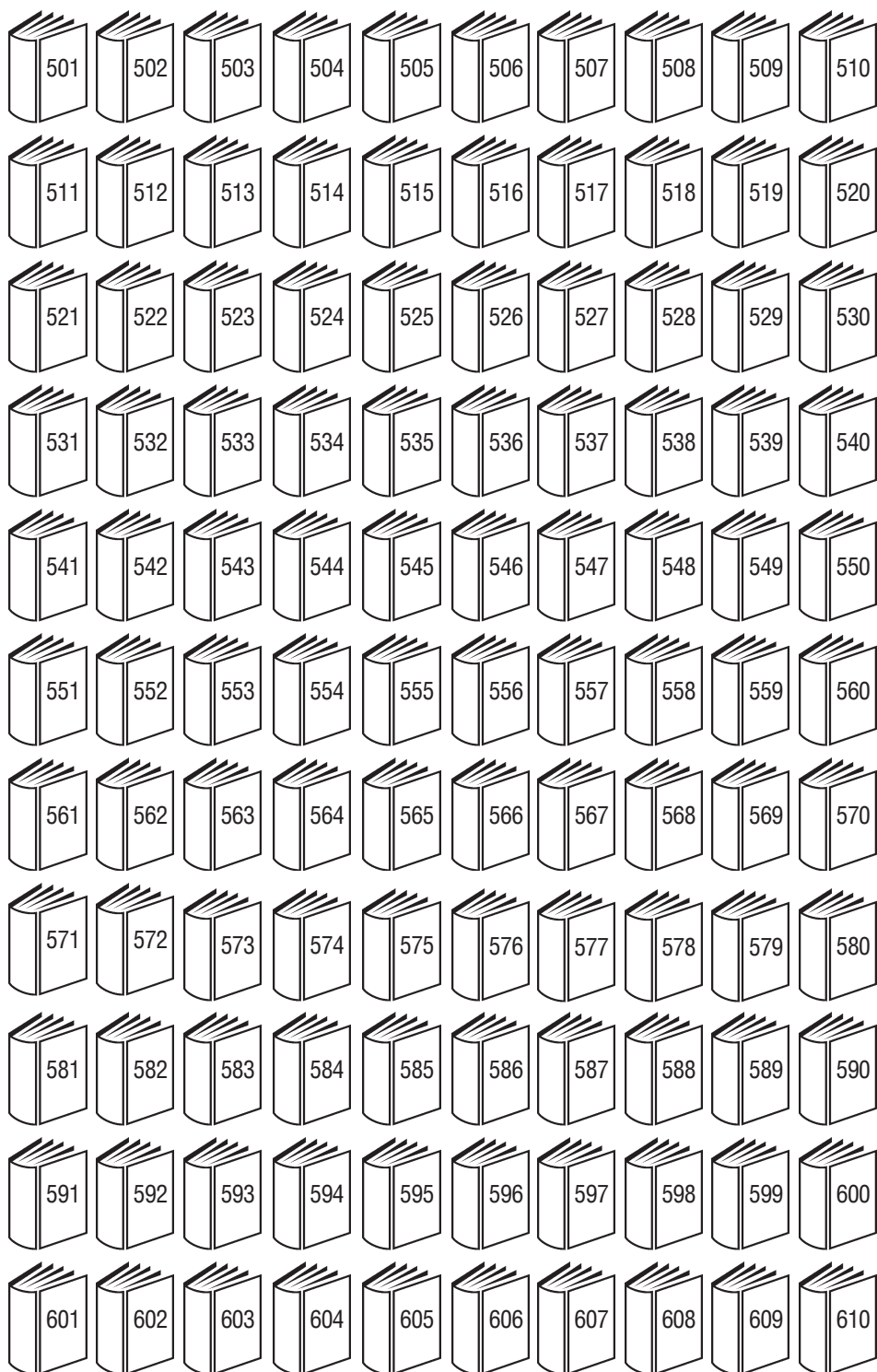
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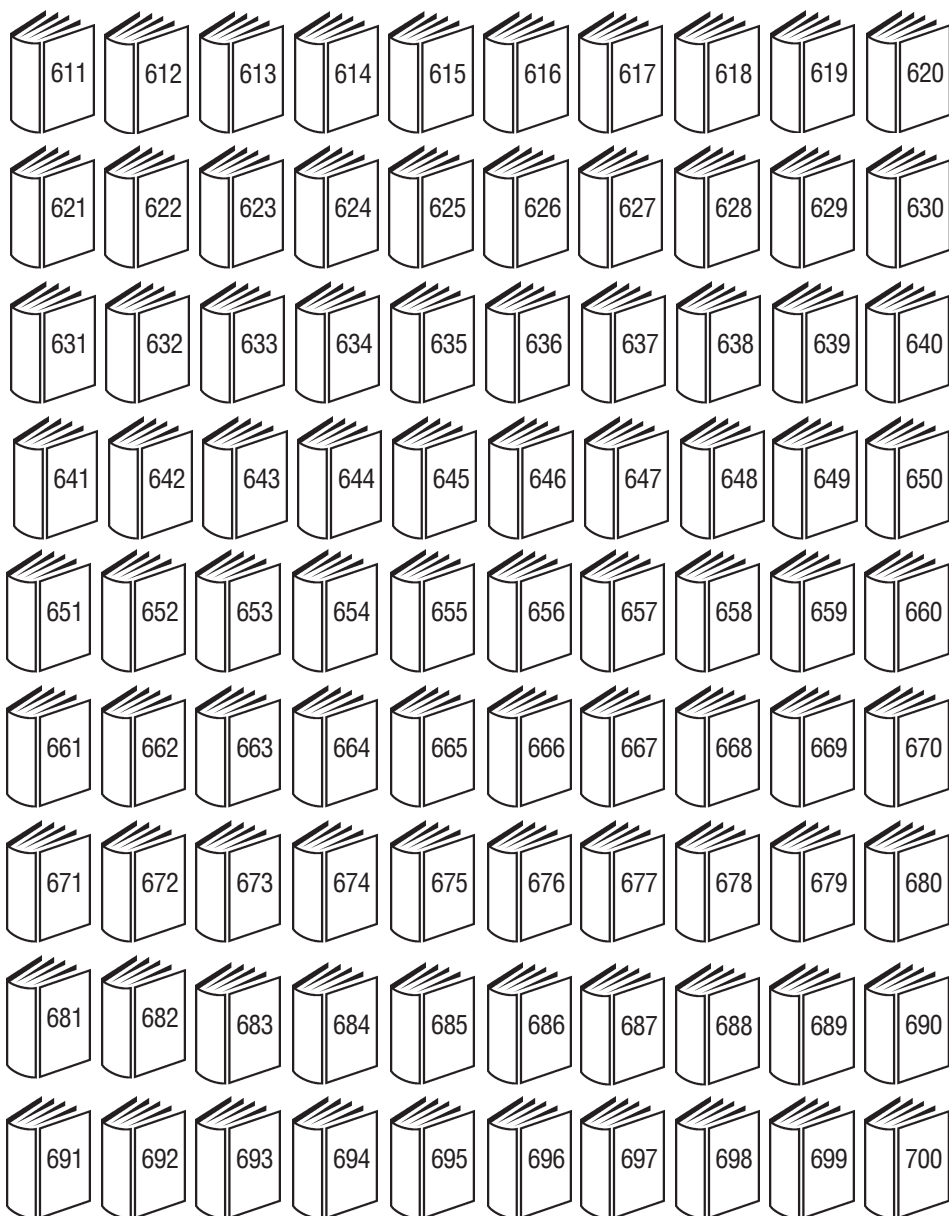




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Way to go – you're halfway there!
Visit the library to collect your prize.





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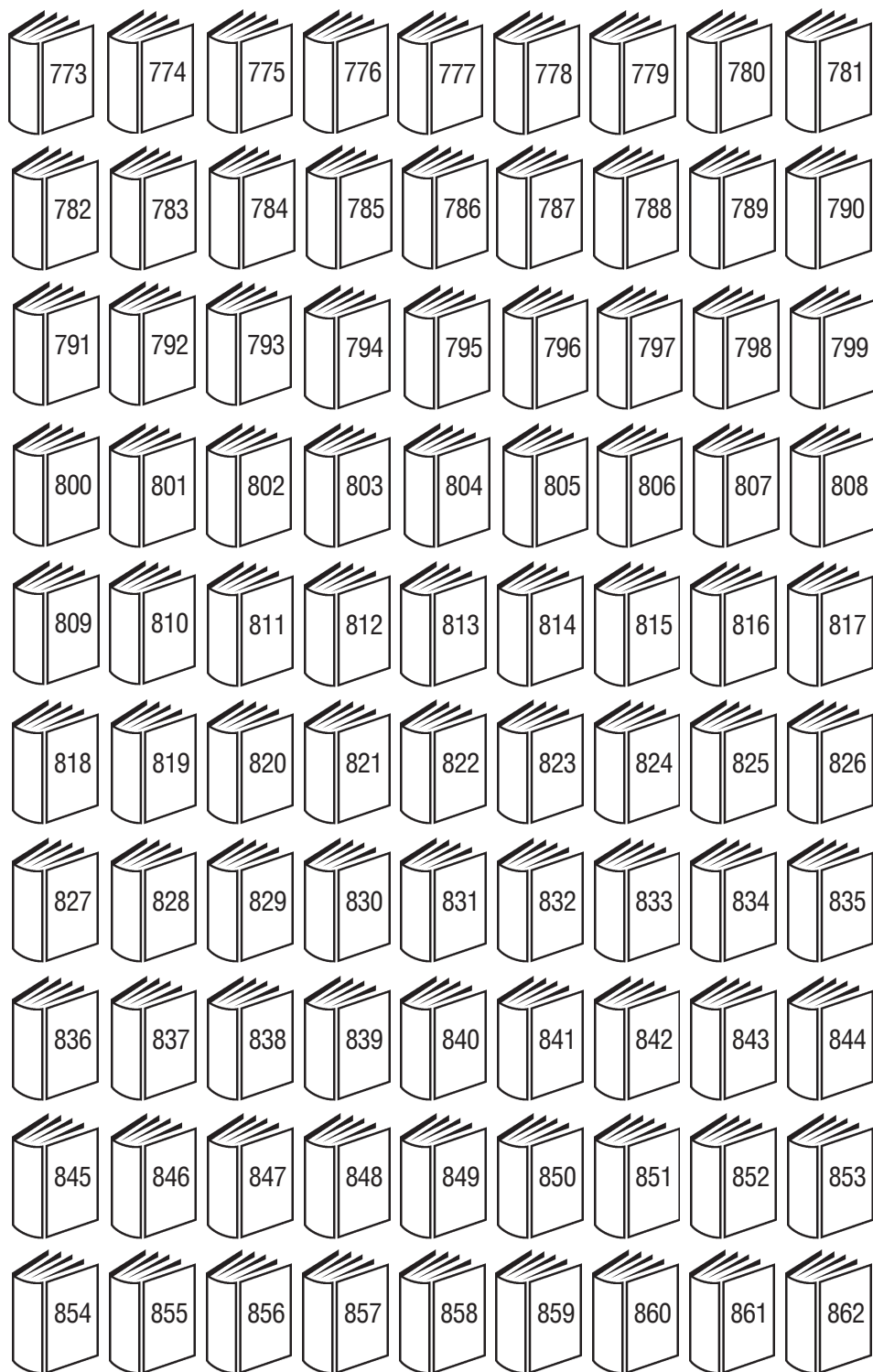


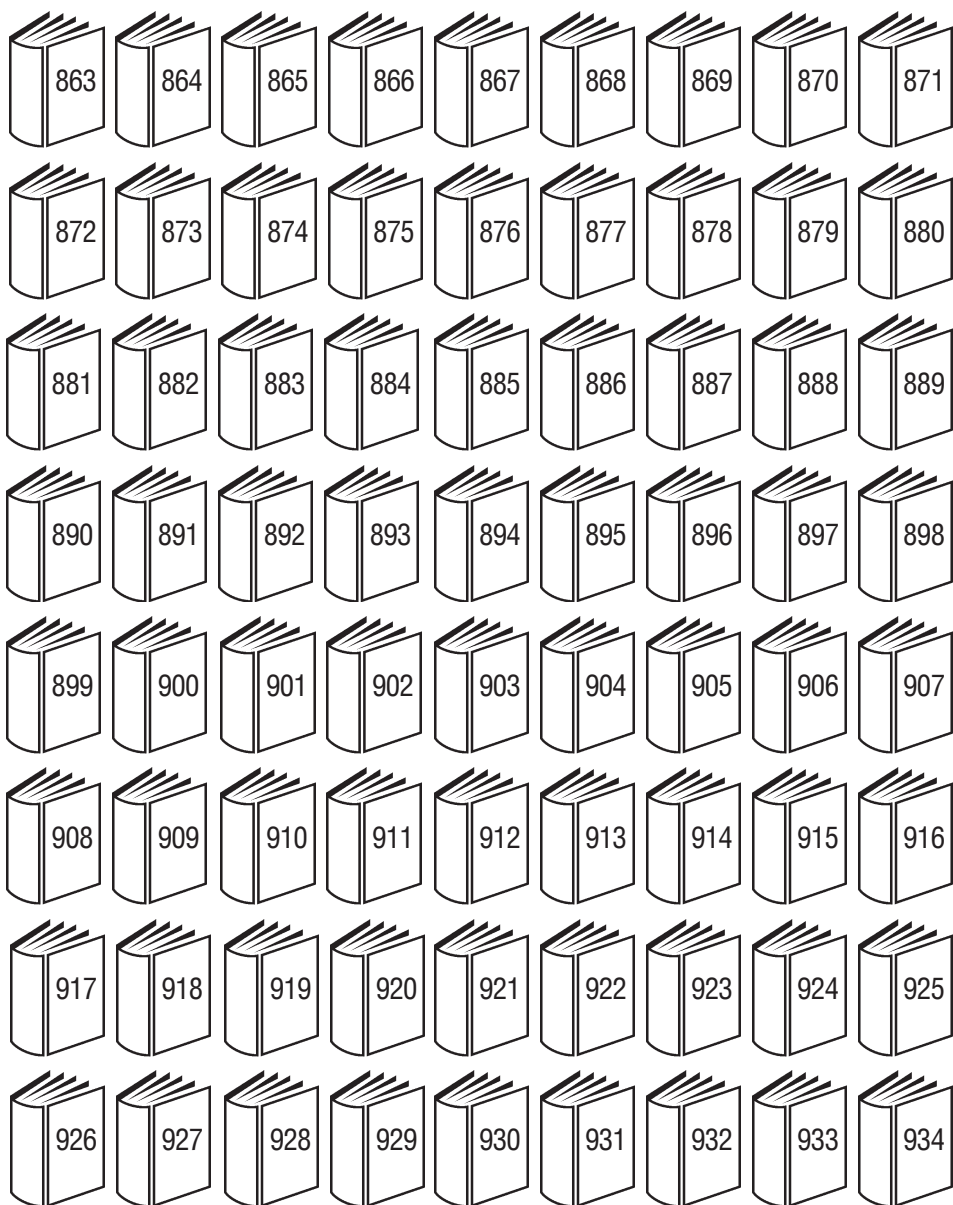
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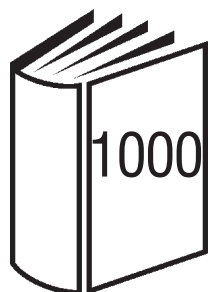
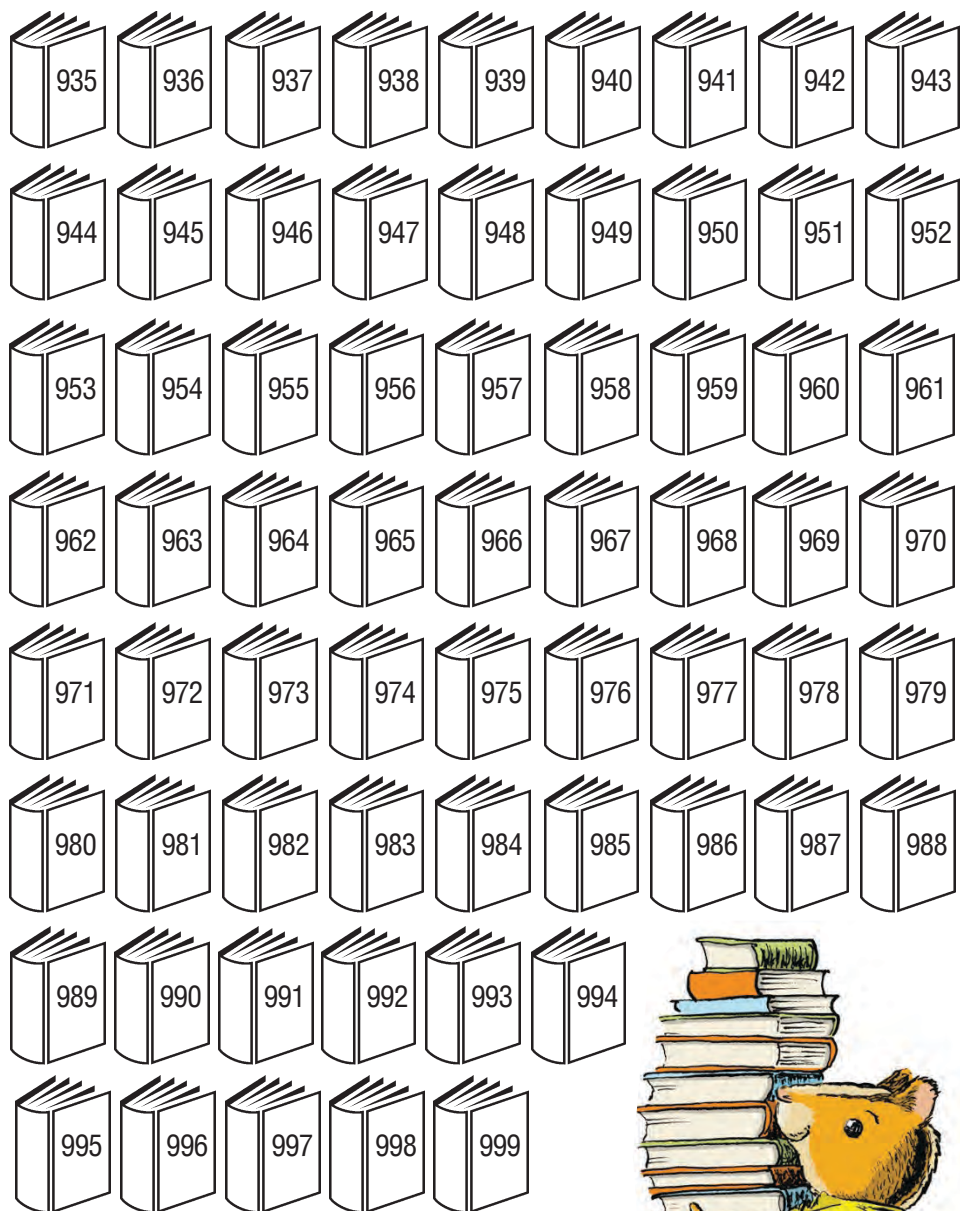
You Read 750 Books!

Come to the library and collect your prize --
you earned it!





These were my 5 Favorite Books:



You Did it!

You Read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Come tell us all about it and we'll give you a special medal.



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