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Henderson County Public Library Launches Preschool Reading Initiative

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In January, the Henderson County Public Library is partnering with Smart Start of Henderson County to launch its 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. The program is geared toward increasing the early literacy skills of preschool children in Henderson County.

1,000 Books before Kindergarten is the result of numerous studies that demonstrate the connection between reading and early stimulation in improving brain development. The program helps guide parents to “grow a reader” by making reading a regular part of the day. “We are thrilled to be partnering with Smart Start of Henderson County in this new initiative to improve kindergarten readiness and early education success in Henderson County,” said Kathy Kirchoefer, Youth Services Coordinator at Henderson County Public Library.

All babies, toddlers, and preschoolers are encouraged to participate and invited to the program kickoff on January 3rd from 10:30-Noon at the Main Library and 10-11 a.m. at the Etowah Branch. Every attendee will get their first reading log and a bright balloon. If parents read just one book a day with their child, they’ll reach the 1,000 book goal in less than 3 years.

For more information, please contact Kathy Kirchoefer at 828-697-4725 x. 2313.

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