

**VIRTUAL EVENT:
1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN
GRADUATION**

Thursday, July 9th at 10:30am

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a FREE early literacy program offered at DPL. With IKBB4K we encourage families to read to pre-K children every day with the goal of those children having been read 1000 books before they even enter Kindergarten!

This year we have FIVE little ones who have achieved this and will now “graduate” from the program. If you have a child who has not yet entered kindergarten and are interested in learning more about this program, tune in to our YouTube channel ([YouTube.com/decaturlib](https://www.youtube.com/decaturlib)) to watch the event.

While it premieres at 10:30am on July 9th, it will remain available until July 29th.

You can also learn more at www.myDPL.org/IKBB4K.

**BOOK:
*ISABEL AND THE HUNGRY COYOTE***

Available on Tumblebooks; A.R. Level 3.1
This story is southwestern desert version of Little Red Riding Hood, and Isabel’s quick thinking saves her life.

ACTIVITY: Color the *Isabel and the Hungry Coyote* coloring sheet

**BOOK:
*LOBO AND THE RABBIT STEW***

Available on Tumblebooks; A.R. Level 2.7
This story, also from the southwest, is similar to “The Three Little Pigs.” **ACTIVITY:** Read the story and then make a rabbit hat!

**BOOK:
*CASTLE ON HESTER STREET***

Available on Tumblebooks; A.R. Level 3.6
ACTIVITY: Create your own castle!

**BOOK:
*PRINCESS JUSTINA ALBERTINA***

Available on Tumblebooks; A.R. Level 2.9
ACTIVITY: This book has a pet unicorn, so once you’ve read the story make a Paper Plate Unicorn

More fun...

- Do you love unicorns? Make a Unicorn Horn to eat! Just spread frosting on a sugar cone and decorate it with sprinkles. When you eat it, does it taste magical?
- Read nonfiction books about the true one-horned animal - the rhinoceros - on Hoopla. Could a rhino be called a unicorn, also?
- Use the Soup Recipe to make your own pot of soup. (Be sure to get an adult’s help with this one!)
- Tumblebooks has the book *Family Pack* about wolves (4.6 A.R. level). Since you read the fiction book *Lobo and the Rabbit Stew*, read this nonfiction book and learn some wolf facts.
- Another wolf book, *Wolf’s Coming*, is on Tumblebooks and is at a 1.2 A.R. level. You will love the ending of this story! Read it and play a short sentence game about *Wolf’s Coming*.

**SPECIAL GUEST STORY TIME
FEATURING
RAPUNZEL**

Thursday, July 9th at 10:30am

Watch this outstanding Story Time with Rapunzel (courtesy of our friends at Magical Memories AL.)

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points in READsquared. **ACTIVITY:** After you watch the program, complete your own version of Rapunzel’s Tower!

Week 7 To-Go Kit will be available for pick-up on **Friday, July 10th**

We will have more fun reading adventures!



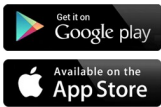
CHILDREN Ages 0 - 8 TO-GO KIT: WEEK 6



Summer Reads

Introducing **READ**squared Habit Forming

Participate in DPL's Summer Reads program by tracking reading and logging activity. Unlock digital badges and learning games as you complete books and missions!



The app is free for both Android and iOS mobile devices.

Parents have full access to all family accounts, reading, activity and statistics while allowing family members to have individual accounts. One-click logging provides parents with an easy way to log reading for all family members.

How it Works:

- **Register online** - Go to myDPL.readsquared.com or download the READsquared app. Select "Decatur Public Library, AL" as your library
- **Complete the registration form** - (parents, register yourself first and then register your kids; under 13 years old will require parental consent)
- **Track your reading** - Earn electronic badges and prizes as you go, and a completion certificate once you've completed the program.



www.myDPL.org/SummerReads