



**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES STAFF REPORT**

**ITEM NO. 4.4**

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**DATE:** February 26, 2026  
**TO:** Chairperson and Members of the Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Anwan Baker, Library Director  
**SUBJECT:** Presentation on the newly launched 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends the Library Board of Trustees receive the report.

**DECISION TYPE**

Not Applicable

**SUMMARY**

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is an early literacy challenge that encourages caregivers to regularly read to their children. Studies have shown that children who are read to regularly before starting kindergarten are much more ready for school and even begin learning to read on their own than their peers who have not had this benefit. The program provides a structure to ensure this regular reading happens and enables libraries across the country to provide a method of tracking and earning rewards by participants.

**DISCUSSION**

Livermore Public Library launched its own version of 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten on February 1, 2026. For every book a caregiver reads with their child, a book is logged. They can read the same book multiple times, many different books once, or a combination of both for reading to count. After every 100 book milestone, a prize is earned. Participants can log books via the Beanstack app, or a paper log, whichever is preferred.

**ATTACHMENTS**

[1. 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Presentation](#)

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