

Reading

Shared reading— or reading books together— is the single best way to help children develop early literacy skills. Read together every day and talk about the books you read.

Create a special space for your children to look at books. Have a comfortable chair or pillows and a small shelf or basket for favorite books. Make sure there's room for you and your child to sit together and that your child can reach books without needing help. Encourage your child to pretend to read a book to a favorite stuffed animal.

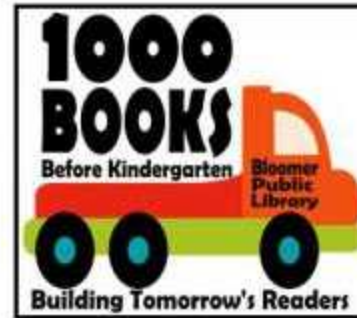
Have a special spot for library books. Keep a list of favorite books to check out and the names of authors you especially enjoy. Write down questions your child asks. On your next visit to the library, look for books related to your child's interests.

Show your child that reading is important by letting him or her see *you* read.

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Our favorite books were:

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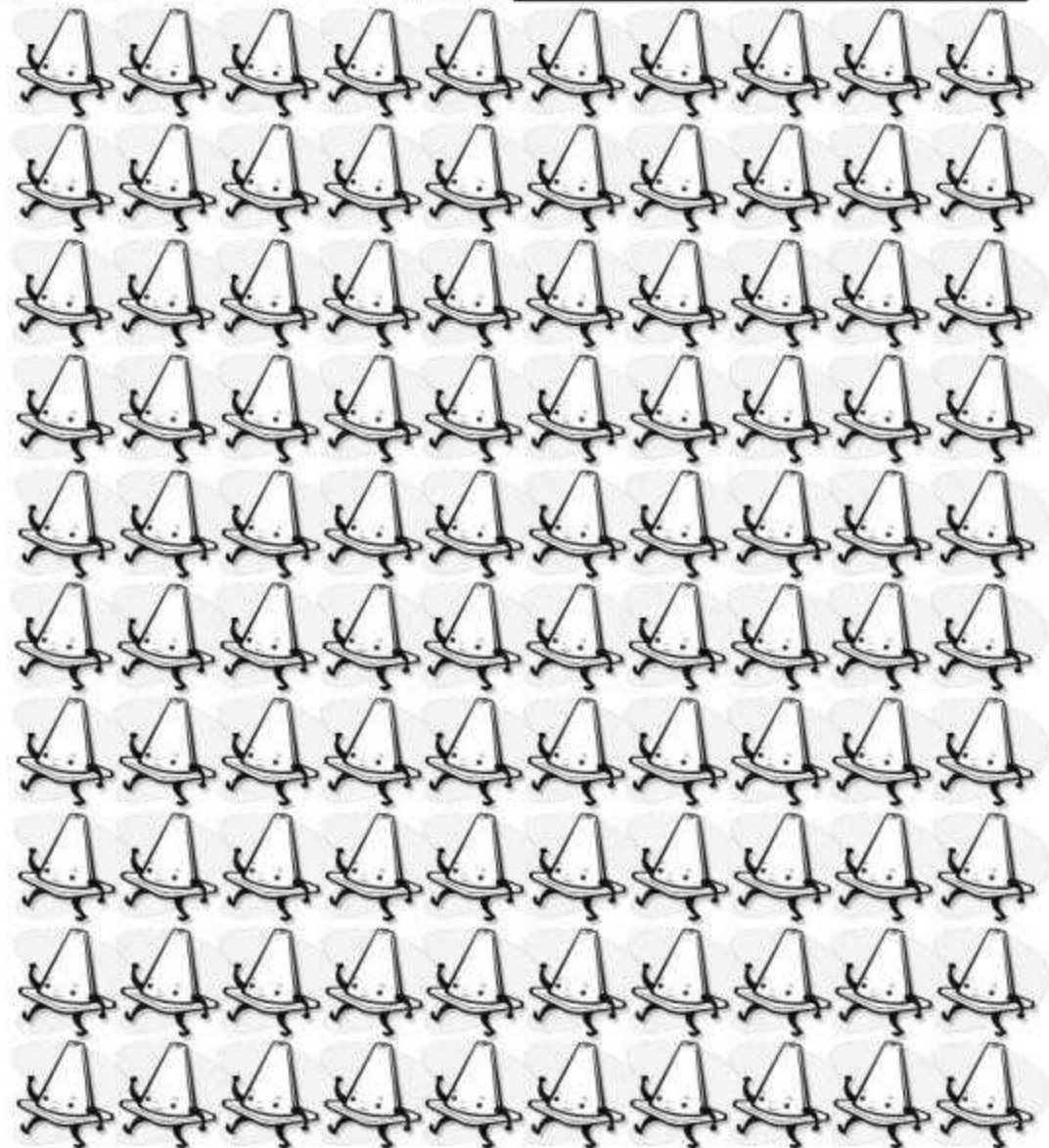


Build a Reader!

Books 301 through 400!

For each ENTIRE book that is read to your child **by anyone**, mark a cone.

Name: _____



Congratulations! You have read 400 books!! Return this page to the Bloomer Public Library for your sticker and next reading sheet and then . . . **Keep reading!**