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	This reading journal belongs to me!
My Name is	Date:

Welcome to the adventure of reading 1,000 books! No one can begin the exploration of reading too early. Sharing books with your child from a very young age will build vocabulary and nurture the habit of reading as a positive experience. Work together as a family to complete this journal. Encourage rereading the same books to build fluency. If you read the same book five times, write it down five times! It doesn't matter who reads the book or where . . . write them all down! Each time the child reaches a landmark of 100 books, be sure a special "Reading is Great" sticker is placed into the journal indicating the child's success. When the child completes 1,000 books, invite everyone you know to celebrate your journey together -- and what better place to celebrate than your local library!

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 Use this journal to keep track of the books read together. Please indicate the title of the book and the date you explored the story. If you read a book with someone special, it might be fun to write that down too.

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