Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do the books have to be from the library?** No, any book counts.

- **Do we need to read certain books?** No, you may choose which books to read.

- **How should I select books for my child?** We'd love to help you find books to share with your child. Visit the Children's Desk and speak with a librarian or browse our Reading Lists located in the library and online at: https://www.cityoforange.org/543/Reading-Lists. You may also fill out a Librarian's Choice form online and we'll choose five titles for you. For more information, visit: https://orangeca.seamlessdocs.com/f/LibrariansChoice.

- **Can we read the same book over and over again?** Yes, repeated reading of a story helps a child understand it better. Take this opportunity to ask open-ended questions about the story or point out parts or illustrations you may have missed in the first reading.

- **Can I count books I read to my child before I registered?** No, the program begins the day you register.

- **Can I count books that are read to my child in pre-school, by their day care provider, or at storytime?** Yes, of course!

- **Do digital content (Tumblebooks, book apps or eBooks) and audiobooks count?** Yes, of course! Don't know what digital content is? Visit our Children's eResources webpage: https://www.cityoforange.org/1482/eBooks-for-Kids

- **How long will it take?** The program is self-paced and depends on how often you read or listen to a story together. We suggest reading at least one book together each day. If you read one book a day for a year, you will have read 365 books.

- **I have more than one child that I read to. Can I count the same title for multiple children?** Yes, of course. If you read as a family, count that book for every eligible child participating in the program.

- **Can the books I read for this program be counted towards other library reading programs, such as Summer Reading Club?** Yes, you may count them towards other library reading programs.

- **How do we claim our prizes?** All participants must come to the Children's Desk at the Orange Public Library & History Center to pick up their prize(s). You must have your completed log with you or know your READsquared login information. After every 250 books listened to or read, you will earn a sticker and/or prize. You can save up your log sheets and hand them in all at once, or you can bring them in one at a time.

- **Can we participate more than once?** Yes, as long as the child has not entered into kindergarten and can complete another 1000 books before entering kindergarten.

- **Can I get a replacement packet or log?** Yes, please visit the Children's Desk at the Orange Public Library & History Center.