Third Grade is the Key

Until the end of third grade, most students are learning to read.
Beginning in fourth grade, students are reading to learn.

Children who do not read at grade level by third grade have difficulty comprehending the written material that is a central part of the learning process in the grades that follow.

Reading just 20 minutes a day can make the difference between a high-achieving student and one who struggles in school. Reading with children or encouraging them to read independently are two of the most important things parents can do to help them succeed, and the time you spend bonding together with books can help children build a lifelong love of reading.

The Lititz Public Library is pleased to support young readers by offering three programs for parents and their young children to help make reading a daily habit:

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten for children from birth through the time they enter kindergarten.
SPARK (Smart Parents Are Reading with Kids) for children in kindergarten and first grade.
Quest for children in second and third grades.

Children who read regularly become better at it... and that’s a recipe for success in school and in life.
Community Connections is a new series of presentations featuring the talents, skills and hobbies of local residents. These one hour classes will introduce a variety of topics to engage patrons of all ages and hopefully spark a new interest or hobby. Nancy Ehrhart started off the series in July with an introduction to calligraphy class (at left) in July. Look for these programs coming up in the near future:

**Treat Your Dog to a Treat**  
September 22, at 7 p.m.

**Create your Own Greeting Cards**  
October 14, at 7 p.m.

Community Connections is coordinated by our new program assistant, Deb Wiedler. She will be developing classes on the following topics: Wine 101, Dance Your Way to Fitness, Backpacking Basics, Passport to Paris, Cake Decorating, Self Defence and more. Let her know what topics may be of interest to you!
Over 2,000 kids of all ages participated in the 2015 Summer Reading Program -

They’re our real heroes!
A Note from Susan Tennant, Director of the Lititz Public Library

Hundreds of people visit the Lititz Public Library every day. They take advantage of free access to books, audiobooks, eBooks, DVDs, the Internet, programs for young and old and professional assistance. But as we know, our library does not exist for free. There’s a cost to providing opportunities for learning and enrichment in our community. Tax dollars provide about 45% of our operating income. That means we look to you and other benefactors for the majority of funds needed to keep our library’s doors open. With your support our library can respond to the needs of the community, build connections among the people who live here and promote a lifelong love of reading.