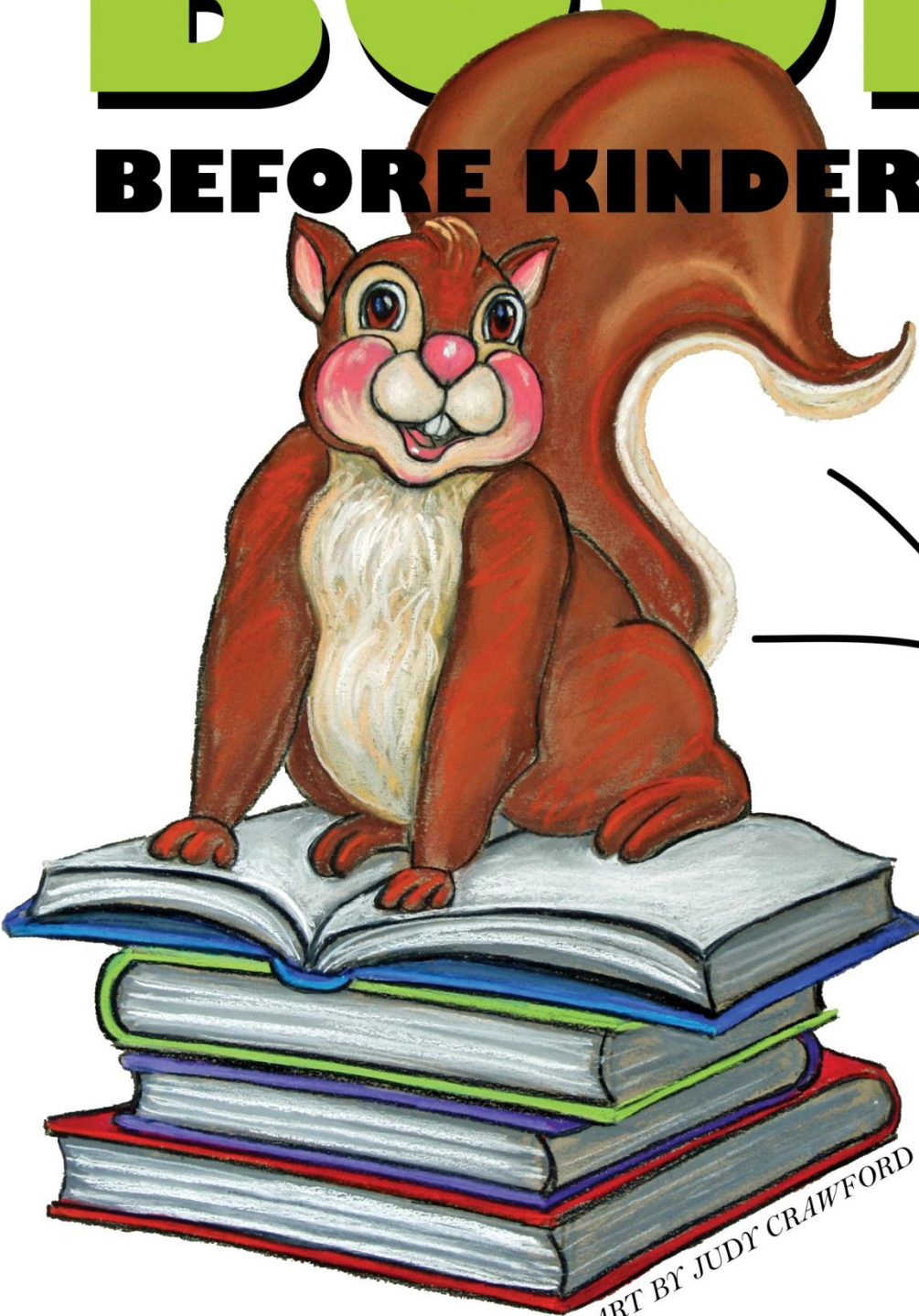


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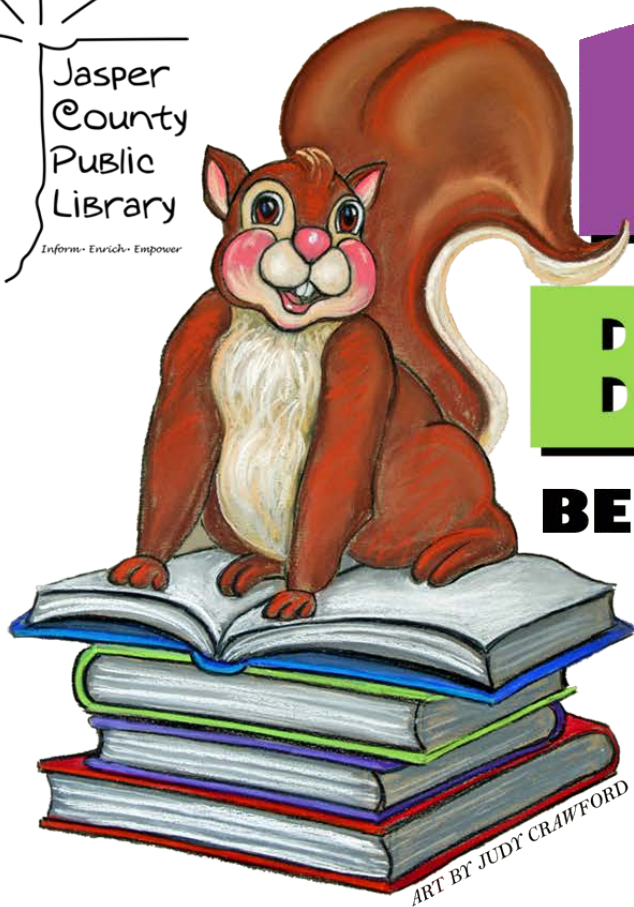
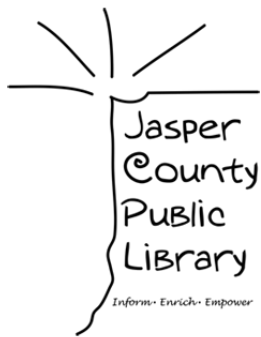


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MY READING LOG

NAME

**I'm on my way to reading
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!**

Art by Judy Kanne

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Congratulations! You are about to embark on a fantastic, lifelong journey with your child. You have committed to enjoying books with your child and in the process, reaping the benefits as your child gains pre-literacy skills that will prepare him for reading and learning throughout his life.

How This Program Works

1. Enroll your child at the Jasper County Public Library, Rensselaer, DeMotte, or Wheatfield Branch and receive your *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* binder. The binder will have the pages to track your 1000 books, how to get started information, and many helpful literacy tips.
2. After each set of 100 books is read and recorded, take your binder to your library branch and get your completion sticker and have your picture taken so we can post it on our wall of readers.
3. When you have reached the half way mark of 500 books, bring your binder to your library branch for your half way through the program prize.
4. When you and your child have read and recorded your 1000th book, take your binder to your library branch for your certificate and prize. A staff member will take a picture of you and your child for our wall of readers.

You may be asking yourself, "How will I read 1000 books to my child?" One thousand is a big number; however, when you start breaking that number down over five years, or even two years, the task isn't that overwhelming. If you would take the full five years to complete this program, you could read one book every other day and read 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. If you would break this down over two years, that would be fewer than two books a day. This small time commitment is well worth the advantage you will be giving your child and the memories that you will have spending time with him.

Suggestions

1. Have fun! Reading together should never be a chore.
2. Take every chance you have to read with your children, tell and talk about stories, say nursery rhymes, and sing songs.
3. Expose your children to a variety of different types of stories and vocabulary. It is completely normal and expected for children, especially very young children, to have their favorite books that they want to hear over and over again. When you have the opportunity, introduce new stories so that your child has a chance to experience and hear as many new words and concepts as possible.
4. Children learn best when they are in a good mood, so read with your child when the experience will be the most pleasurable for both of you.

**Many of the facts and tips that you will read throughout this packet are taken from the American Library Association's website (www.ala.org) and the Every Child Ready to Read booklet and website (www.ala.org/everychild).