

How Do I Use This Guide?



Joel's Library Jam is a children's literacy initiative that introduces beginning and early readers to books and libraries through short video programs, developmentally appropriate activities and additional web resources. The activities in this guide, aligned to Ohio's academic library, language arts and fine arts content standards for grades K–2, enhance the learning experience for children using the books introduced in the programs.

Parents and childcare providers also will find encouragement and ideas for introducing children birth through age five to books and reading. More resources, book lists and activities may be found at <http://www.libraryjam.org/>. Most of all, the partners who created *Joel's Library Jam*—CET, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and Success By 6®—want to encourage both grown-ups and kids to become involved together in the fun and learning available through books and libraries in their own communities, schools and homes.

Teachers, parents and childcare providers are encouraged to use any of the parts of the *Joel's Library Jam* project as best fits their needs and their children's needs. Here are tips for using the entire project:

VIDEO

Watch with your children one of the five-minute programs that feature Joel, our children's librarian, reading a great book to youngsters in a library setting.

GUIDE

After watching the program, find the featured book in this guide. You will find tips for reading and fun activities for your class or family. Read the book, asking the "Joel Says" questions as you read, then try one or more of the activities. Be sure to check out other information in the guide as well, such as how to use your school and public libraries, how to use books to encourage an interest in reading in very young children, and more.

WEBSITE

Visit <http://www.libraryjam.org/> to find vocabulary, book lists, more activities, fun and games, songs, and much more. The website also provides a chart that correlates guide activities to Ohio Standards for academic library, language arts and fine arts.

CD

Enhance any of the activities or reading by listening to the music featured in the *Joel's Library Jam* programs.

To get a copy of the *Joel's Library Jam* programs, watch and tape them during broadcasts, borrow them from your public library or school library, or purchase your own copy by calling CET Learning Services at (513) 345-6566. Guides will be provided with videotapes ordered from CET while supplies last. Music CDs will be available while supplies last.



Joel's Library Jam Website

On the *Joel's Library Jam* website, you will find additional book lists, activities vocabulary, links to library websites and ideas for K–2 fun with books. The site will feature video and music from the *Joel's Library Jam* programs and supplemental materials for activities you will find in this guide. Teachers and parents also will find a chart there that correlates guide activities to Ohio's Academic Standards for library, language arts and fine arts, plus connections to other curricular areas.

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