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Dr. Jerry Mallett is the founding director and curator of the Mazza Museum, International Art from Picture Books, at The University of Findlay. His vision for recognizing the quality of art in children's book illustrations and his passion for teaching literacy have shaped the phenomenal growth and success of the museum for nearly a quarter century.

Mallett has devoted his career to children's literature and teaching children to enjoy reading. His experiences in education have included teaching at the elementary and junior high levels, being an elementary principal, teaching undergraduate and graduate students at the college level and coordinating the Mazza Museum. He has served as professor of education at The University of Findlay since 1968.

A graduate of Ohio University, he earned graduate and doctoral degrees in education from The University of Toledo. Mallett has received many honors for his significant accomplishments, including the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from The University of Toledo in 2001, being named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in London in 1993, being chosen the Ohio Independent Colleges and Universities Outstanding Teacher of 1987, being awarded the Distinguished Education Award in 1983 by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and being elected to Phi Delta Kappa, an international association for professional educators, in 1966. In 2006, Mallett was honored with the Arch Award from The University of Findlay.

Mallett has published 54 books. Approximately half are for children, while the remainder are professional books for teachers and librarians. Some of Mallett's books are *Good Old Ernie*, *Elevator*, *World Folk Tales*, *Fold & Cut Stories* and *Mystery at Darkles' Wax Museum*.