



Jan Brett

World Traveler, Author & Illustrator Celebrating the birthday of Jan Brett (b. December 1, 1949)

Description of Program

Who has over 33 million books in print and has traveled from the Arctic Circle to the savannas of Africa? It's author, illustrator Jan Brett! Join us as we celebrate Jan's 60th birthday! There will be stories to hear, crafts to make and games to play at this fun event for the whole family.

Program Plans

Stories (titles of books):

The Hat - Hedgie the Hedgehog becomes a fashion trend setter when he finds a misplaced stocking.

The Mitten - Retelling of an old Ukrainian folktale of a lost mitten and the animals that take shelter inside it.

Honey...Honey... Lion! - Follow the honeyguide and honey badger as they travel across Africa in search of honey and unwittingly discover an angry lion.

Games

Readers Theater - Print out animal masks from the author's website, (www.janbrett.com), and out a large mitten shape from poster board. Pass out masks and have the children act out the story of *The Mitten*.

Brett Bingo - Create a bingo cards using graphics from the author's website.

Activities/Crafts (Templates and graphics available at www.janbrett.com.)

African safari mural - create a giant African safari mural with animal and foliage graphics.

Hedgehog Christmas Basket - create a wonderful hedgehog-shaped basket.

Food

Fruit juice

Hedgehog Cookies (recipe at the author's website, www.janbrett.com)

Others: Print out coloring sheets from the website and distribute.

More information or questions?

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