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EVPL challenging community to read as many books as possible in 2022

Evansville, IN, January 3, 2022 – The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library is challenging the community to read as many books as possible in 2022 by introducing the EVPL <u>Annual Reading Program: Read, Explore, Grow</u>.

Each month, readers are encouraged to track books read with an official tracker. The completed tracker can be dropped off at any EVPL location for a chance to win a prize.

"EVPL has a long history of supporting reading and literacy in our community," EVPL Programming Manager Erika Qualls Barnett said. "By launching our very first year-long reading program, we are excited to offer this opportunity to explore books you may not normally read, and grow into stronger readers."

Readers do not have to participate every month in order to take part in the annual reading program. Additionally, EVPL's annual summer reading celebration will still take place, beginning June 1 and ending July 31.

Participants in EVPL's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, celebrating its third anniversary in 2022, and 300 Books Before 3rd Grade can count books read toward the Annual Reading Program.

To learn more about the initiative and how to participate, visit evpl.org.

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library has served our community for more than a century. With eight locations throughout Vanderburgh County, immediate access to hundreds of thousands of digital resources, and a dedicated team of library professionals, EVPL strives to create opportunities for you to discover, explore, and connect with your library. For more information, visit <u>evpl.org</u>.

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