



Mazza Museum Timeline

- 1982 – A collection of original art from children’s picture books is proposed by Dr. Jerry Mallett and the Division of Teacher Education for the Findlay College centennial celebration.
- 1983 – The Mazza Centennial Collection, containing four works of art, is dedicated on Jan. 28.
- 1991 – The Mazza Enthusiasts are established, and the first class of 21 Mazza docents graduates and prepares to assist with tours.
- 1994 – The Mazza Centennial Collection moves into its new home in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion on Sept. 13.
- 1999 – The Mazza National Board of Visitors is formed and includes experts from around the country, providing advice and insight into the future of the collection.
- 2002 – A new name, the Mazza Museum, International Art from Picture Books, is adopted to better define its structure and activities.
- 2003 – The University of Findlay Board of Trustees approves the design for an addition to the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion.
- 2004 – The “Turning a New Page” campaign for the Mazza Museum is announced in February.
- 2005 – A \$1 million gift from Michael and Robin Gardner completes the addition campaign.
- 2006 – Bids were issued in early February and construction began in the spring.
- 2007 – Dedication of the completed 9,000-square-foot addition coincides with the Mazza Museum’s 25th anniversary celebration.