



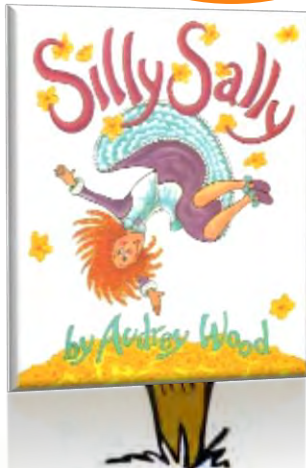
THE STORYWALK® PROJECT

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What is a StoryWalk?

1 Story and a WALK

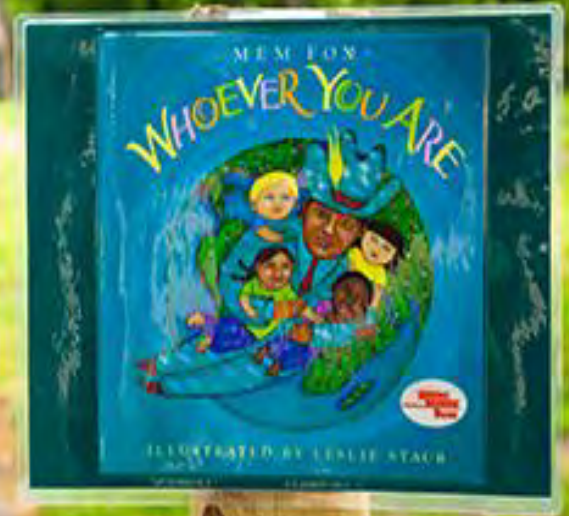
A StoryWalk is a way to combine physical activity with literacy; this may seem like an odd mix, but it's an innovative way to get people of all ages out walking while reading children's picture books. Pages of a book are transformed into signs that are then laid out on a trail inviting families, children, caregivers, teachers and others to follow the path of pages.



What is the STORYWALK® Project?

STARTED
BY
ANN FERGUSON

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.



What does a StoryWalk® Look Like?



STORYWALK
edition

How Do I Start A STORYWALK® in my community?

What You Need
To Know...



Please use the name **StoryWalk®** and include the following statement in all promotion of the project: **The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.**

What basics should I know about preparing the books?



We purchase 3 copies of each book (2 for mounting, one for damage repair/replacement.) Lamination sheets, reinforce the staple path with fiber tape, (or use Velcro) and use four foot mahogany stakes, (they are stronger and lighter than pine). Each page is mounted on card stock; we put the page number and contact info on the back of each page.

What about copyright laws?



We purchased the book, so we can do what we wanted with it. The books can not be altered in any way, the pages can not be scanned or reproduced, only mount them on card stock and laminate each individual page. We make a point of purchasing new books, not taking donations or buying used books so that the writers and illustrators get full benefit.



How do we select a book for The StoryWalk® Project?



Selection of books focuses on minimal text, finding illustrations that don't cross the center of the book, and a great story line. Smaller books work best for this project. We look for books that can be used in different seasons. Always, it is a great story line that is the key to this project – we also consistently look for books with a message of kindness and caring.

What suggestions do you have for someone interested in creating The StoryWalk® Project in his or her town?



Start by finding some other like-minded people to work with on this project. We work well as a team and offer different perspectives and experiences. This project combines the benefits of physical activity, time outdoors in nature, literacy, and family time. Because of that, many community partners are interested in it and it lends itself well to funding from different sources.



The STORYWALK® Project in Norton, Kansas

*We created a map of the downtown shops hosting a page of the book, **I Took My Frog to the Library**. Each participant was given a brochure and map to follow the story route.*

STORYWALK®
in
NORTON,
KANSAS

*On the last stop,
children entered the
library to read the
final page of the
storybook and receive
a special prize!*



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Sponsored by:



The Northwest Kansas Library System



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Website: www.nwkls.org

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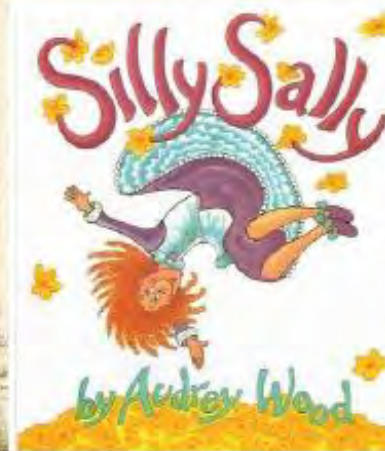


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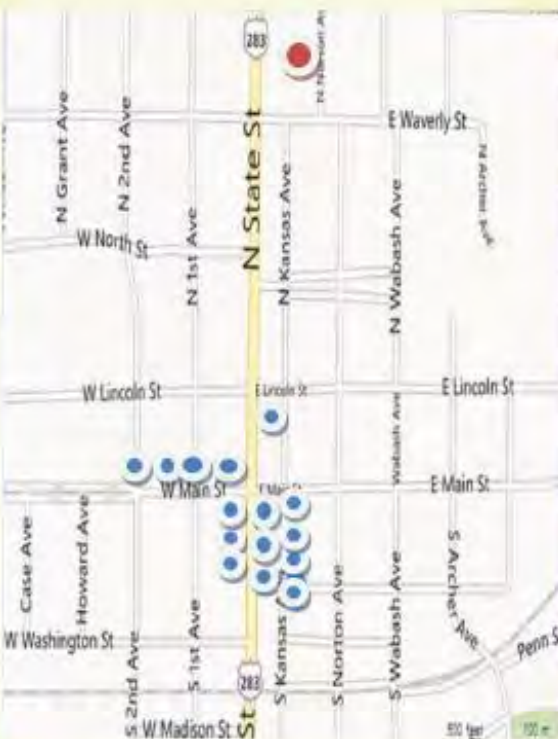
NORTON STORYWALK®

Join us in celebrating the Norton Chamber of Commerce's
SPRING FLING WEEK
STORYWALK® sponsored by:
The Norton Public Library
and
The Northwest Kansas Library System



Downtown Norton
April 21st - April 26th

○ STORYWALK® MAP ○



Downtown Norton STORYWALK®

During Spring Fling Week
April 21st-26th

A Special Thank You To Our Participating Downtown Norton, Kansas Businesses

Begin and end at the Norton Public Library

1. Norton Public Library-1 Washington Square
2. The Razor's Edge-212 E Washington St
3. Sander Bed and Bath-118 S. Kansas St.
4. H&R Block-108 S. Kansas St.
5. Mortensen Computer Services-101 S. Kansas St.
6. The Closet-101 S. State St.
7. Twice Sold Treasures-105 S. State St.
8. K-State Research and Extension-107 S. State
9. Little Bo-tique-106 ½ S. State St.
10. ReNew Boutique-106 S. State St.
11. Moffet Drugs-102 S. State St.
12. Destination Kitchen-115 W. Main St.
13. Stitch Up a Storm-113 W. Main St.
14. First State Bank-105 W. Main St.
15. Russ' Jewelry-101 W. Main St.
16. Studio 111@ Here's Your Sign-111 N. State St.
17. Norton Public Library-1 Washington Square

The goal of the STORYWALK® is to help build children's interest in reading while encouraging healthy outdoor activity for both adults and children. STORYWALKS® have been installed in 45 states as well as in the countries of Germany, Canada, England and Bermuda. STORYWALK® aligns perfectly with the No Child Left Inside philosophy that stresses the vital importance of reconnecting children and the natural world.

A StoryWalk® is a fun, educational activity that places a children's story (literally a book taken apart) along a popular walking route in your community.

*Try different ways to enjoy the
STORYWALK®*

1st time: Read the story aloud...

2nd time: Have children make predictions...

3rd time: Have your child act out the story...

*On your last stop, enter the library
to read the final page of the
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The StoryWalk® is Growing



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STORYWALK® at SCHOOL...



You too can join the **STORYWALK®** Project...

