

# STORYWALK®

Supporting Literacy through Best Start, Brass Bell

## Who

For:

- Children
- Schools
- Child Care/Early Years Programs
- Recreation Departments
- Libraries
- Children Groups (i.e. Girl Guides)

## Where

Outdoors!

- Trails
- School Yards
- Beaches

## What

- Outdoor Experience
- Literacy Activity
- Family Activity



## What is a StoryWalk®?

A StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children and adults to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time.

Pages from a children's book are attached to stakes, which are placed along an outdoor path. Along with their family, caregiver or educator; children will follow the path where they will encounter the book page-by-page. The stories are often linked to the season or surroundings.





## “Copyright

Books cannot be copied and reproduced.

- We purchase new books to support authors and illustrators.
- We ensure all pages of the book are included in the StoryWalk®.
- We support local business by purchasing supplies for the StoryWalks®.

The following statement is put on all promotional materials:

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

In addition, the trademark symbol is included after the word StoryWalk®.

For more information visit:

<http://www.kellogghubbard.org/storywalk>

## Why StoryWalk?

StoryWalk® supports the four foundations of learning: Belonging, Well-being, Engagement and Expression as outlined in, *How Does Learning Happen? Ontario’s Pedagogy for the Early Years*.

We aim to support our communities and partners with literacy enriched activities and ideas. The StoryWalk® helps to support schools, child care centres and recreation departments with an outdoor activity that promotes the love of reading.

## Supporting Communities

### Books:

We chose several books to be used for StoryWalks®. These stories are available to loan from our Best Start Hubs upon request. Requests can be made to your local Best Start location.

The books available for loan can be found at [www.brassbell.org](http://www.brassbell.org).

You may wish to choose your own story and utilize Best Start’s story boards. To prepare your own story book you would need two copies of the book. The pages are cut with a knife and then laminated.

### Story Boards:

The story book can be attached to the story boards using the provided velcro fasteners. The story boards are placed outside along a path or trail, throughout a school yard or beach.

### Enhancing the Story:

Activities can be done along the way to enhance the experience. Educators or caregivers can ask thoughtful questions about the story during the walk.