



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is StoryWalk® and how did it begin in Langley?**

A StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children – and adults – to enjoy stories in the great outdoors. Pages from a children’s book are attached to stakes/structures along a path outdoors. As you stroll down the trail, you’ll go from page to page, enjoying the story along with a walk in nature.

StoryWalk® is an inspirational program created in 2007 by Anne Ferguson in Montpelier, Vermont when she worked for the Vermont Department of Public Health. She found a tremendous ally in her local library, the Kellogg-Hubbard Library and through their collective efforts, a StoryWalk has been installed in “all 50 states and 12 foreign countries.”

In a unique partnership, the Langley Literacy Network and the Langley Children Committee have worked to bring StoryWalk® to life in Langley with joint goal of combining a lifelong love for literacy while encouraging activity, movement and family time in nature.

### **What is required of me if I would like to offer StoryWalk® at my organization or school?**

Please use the **StoryWalk®** trademark 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 Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.”*

We ask that if you borrow a StoryWalk® kit, that you do not leave the set up unattended (ie: overnight or out for the weekend). We have invested a significant amount of funding to support this project and hope to be able to utilize the kits in our community for some time!

### **What are the costs involved?**

For **Langley** organizations or schools who would like to borrow the StoryWalk® set up from us, the cost is free! We ask that you pick up and return the items in the condition you found them in.

### **What basics should I know about preparing StoryWalk®?**

Each StoryWalk® kit is contained in a large plastic tote and includes the following:

- Yard signs
- Yard sign stakes (please be mindful of any underground sprinkler systems)
- Your chosen story, laminated which will be velcro’d to the yard sign base
- Laminated sign numbers to velcro to each yard sign base
- Checklist of quantities that need to be returned to us

- A StoryWalk® guide, including information on the importance of physical literacy and movement and ideas
- Best practices for installation, purpose options, how to install & set up

### **How do I go about requesting a StoryWalk® kit?**

Kits can be borrowed by using the booking request form found here <https://langleychildren.com/langleystorywalk/> . Once we receive your request, we will confirm the booking with you based on availability of the title you request.

StoryWalk® kits can be picked up and returned at the Langley District Learning Commons which is located at the James Anderson Learning Centre (20381 66 Ave, Langley BC V2Y 1P3).

You may borrow kits for a maximum of 2 weeks before they should be delivered back to the District Learning Commons. Kits should be returned clean, please.

### **Do you have any marketing we can use to share with our community?**

Yes! Please feel free to use the **StoryWalk® Langley** logo and contact us if you would like a customizable poster and social media image.

### **What about copyright laws?**

The Langley Children Committee and the Langley Literacy Network have purchased copies of each book. The books can not be altered in any way, the pages cannot be enlarged, scanned or reproduced. We have only laminated 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.

As it turns out, comments from parents who have participated in StoryWalk® indicated that often they plan to purchase the book that they have seen at the StoryWalk® Project.

### **How do you select books for The StoryWalk® Project?**

We always look for a great storyline and love books with beautiful illustrations – we also consistently look for books with a message of kindness and caring.

### **How can you tell how many people have seen the StoryWalk®?**

At the bottom of each StoryWalk® sign, we ask parents and caregivers to post and tag us on Social Media using the #LangleyStoryWalk

### **How can anyone help to support the StoryWalk® Project**

Thanks for asking! Donations are always welcome. All donations can be made out to to the **Langley Literacy Network and mailed to the address below**. Thank you for your support!

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