

The StoryWalk Project

The StoryWalk Project was developed by Anne Ferguson in Montpelier, Vermont to encourage reading while enjoying physical activity. Several years ago, the Education Division of Community Council, sponsored by United Way of Alamance County, began discussing StoryWalk after hearing interest from several partners and stakeholders. A committee was formed to explore the possibilities of implementing the project and after a series of meetings; the outdoor track at the Mayco Bigelow Center (at North Park in Burlington) became the first StoryWalk location. There are currently five sites in Alamance County.

The project has 16 stations of outdoor signage that will hold a children's picture book (the book is taken apart and mounted on the signs). Each station will be separated by about 20-40 paces to encourage children and their caregivers to experience the story by walking through the park. This project helps to build literacy skills, and provides an active, outdoor experience for families by changing the built environment. Throughout the year the book will be changed in partnership with Alamance County Public Libraries. StoryWalks can be inside or outside, and can even be mobile for events.

If you are interested in becoming a host site or sponsor, please contact Kellee Hawley, Director of Workplace Campaigns & Community Outreach at United Way of Alamance County.

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City of Burlington
North Park Walking Trail
849 Sharpe Road
Burlington, NC 27217
(Installed Spring 2016)



Alamance Partnership for Children
Outdoor Learning Environment
Glencoe Historic Village
2322 River Road
Burlington, NC 27217
(Installed Fall 2016)



Town of Elon
Beth Schmidt Park Walking Trails
2150 Elon Park Drive
Elon, NC 27244
(Installed Winter 2016)



City of Graham
ABSS Walking Trails
Behind Graham Middle School
Goley Street, Graham, NC 27253
(Installed Spring 2018)



Mebane Arts & Community Center
633 Corregidor St,
Mebane NC 27302
(Installed Spring 2019)

