



CCPL Invites Community to Attend Story Stroll Opening

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Carroll County Recreation & Parks, Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County, and Carroll County Public Library Create Story Stroll

Carroll County, MD—Carroll County Recreation & Parks, The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County, Inc, and Carroll County Public Library have partnered to create a Story Stroll at Leister Park. Construction of the Story Stroll stations was done by Tim Beavers and the Carroll County Homeschool Community Center. The community is invited to help kick off the opening of the Story Stroll on Saturday, July 16 at 10am. Leister Park is located at 4134 Black Rock Road in Hampstead, MD. *The rain date for this event will be Friday, July 22 at 10am.*

What is a Story Stroll?

A Story Stroll is a unique way for families to combine literacy with physical activity. The pages from a children's book are mounted to panels that are placed periodically throughout the park along a trail. There are 20 stations along the trail, each featuring part of the story book. Panels also include other activities that families can do to interact with the book. The stroll takes an average family approximately 30 minutes to complete. The first installment in the Leister Park Story Stroll is *Sheep Take a Hike* written by Nancy Shaw and illustrated by Margot Apple.

Quotes About the Story Stroll

"Visiting a story trail is an opportunity for families to enjoy learning in the outdoors together." *Lisa Carroll, CPRP, Bureau Chief of Recreation, Carroll County Recreation and Parks*

"The Partnership believes in having a healthy County. Combining walking and reading promotes healthy bodies and healthy minds! We hope the community will utilize this amazing opportunity for years to come." *Tasha Cramer, Director of Community Health Improvement, The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County, Inc.*

"Both of my parents were educators and my mom taught remedial reading as well as elementary school, so reading has always been an important part of my life. Being able to contribute to the Story Strolls in Carroll County along with the Girl Scout troop and homeschool group my kids are part of has been a great way to honor my parents' legacy in education and give back to the community." *Tim Beavers*

“Families who enjoy stories together share a bond that helps develop lifelong learners. Having fun with books creates an environment where children feel safe and fosters early literacy skills. Books take you on an adventure without leaving where you are.” *June Bitzel, Children’s Services Supervisor, North Carroll Branch, Carroll County Public Library*

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