

CCPL Invites Community to Attend Super Stroll Sunday

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Rec & Parks and Girl Scouts Team up with Library to Create Story Stroll at Deer Park

Carroll County, MD –Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks, Girl Scout Troop #10236, and Carroll County Public Library have partnered to create a Story Stroll at <u>Deer Park</u>. The community is invited to take part in Story Stroll Sunday this weekend on February 6 at 1pm by coming to Deer Park and walking the Story Stroll. Deer Park is located at 637 Deer Park Road, Westminster, MD 21157. A snow date is scheduled for Sunday, February 27 at 1pm.

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 Deer Park Story Stroll is *Bear Snores On* written by Karma Wilson and illustrated by Jane Chapman. The next featured Story Stroll book, *When Spring Comes* written by Kevin Henkes and illustrated by Laura Dronzek, will be installed during the first week of March.

The Deer Park Story Stroll is a partnership between Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks, Girl Scout Troop #10236, and Carroll County Public Library. Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks is providing the location and some funding for materials. Girl Scout Troop #10236 constructed the stations and provided funding. Carroll County Public Library provided book materials, book curation, and design support. This project was made possible through in-kind donations from Lowe's of Westminster. Additionally, the Beavers Family, among many others, offered guidance and support for the project.

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

"As soon as we learned about this potential project, we knew this would be the perfect project for our troop. We all love books (and our local library system) and walking in nature. This project gave us an opportunity to engage our troop in construction skills, while benefiting one of our lovely county trails. We were delighted to be able to

partner with Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks, Carroll County Public Library, and Lowe's. We hope this helps to encourage more families to engage in outdoor exploration, while also promoting literacy." *Kim Van Brown, Co-Leader, Girl Scout Troop #10236*

"Our CCPL Story Stroll is a wonderful way to bring literacy to the beautiful outdoors. We wanted families to engage in reading together while promoting literacy, health, and exercise." *Belinda Bauman, Library Associate, Carroll County Public Library*

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