

StoryWalk® in Stoneham: “It's Summer!” by Linda Glaser

As you walk around Stoneham, here are some things to look for and talk about along the way:

Page 1: Stoneham Public Library, Main Street

How many butterflies can you find on this page? Look up at the sky and see if you can find shapes in the clouds. Flap your wings and pretend to be a butterfly.

Page 2: Nobility Hill Tavern, 423 Main Street

Can you find the caterpillar and ladybug? Did you know if you find a ladybug that that signifies good luck? Sing "Itsy Bitsy Spider" as you walk to the next page.

Next: Use the crosswalk at the stoplight near Melissa's @ 407 Main. On the other side of the street, turn to the right to get to the next page location.

Page 3: Children's Dental Care, 422 Main Street

What do you think it would feel like to step in mud with bare feet? What is your favorite thing to do on a summer day?

Next: Turn left and cross the street at Franklin Street and Main Street to see the next page location. Along the way count how many stores you pass, how many steps you take, or look for a color.

Page 4: Doucet Remodeling, 1 Central Street

After reading this page, walk down Central Street towards the fire station. If you are lucky, the doors will be open and you can see the firetrucks and say hello to the firefighters.

Next: Cross Central Street at the fire station and walk on the sidewalks through the parking lot that leads back to Main Street. Take a left and you should be at the next page location.

Page 5: Honey Dew Donuts, 362 Main Street

Do you have a garden at your house? Talk about what we need to make a garden grow. (Hint: soil, seeds, sun and water.) Can you name a fruit or vegetable that is red? What vegetables do rabbits eat? What vegetable is your favorite? Here's a joke: what vegetable has an ear but can't hear? CORN...I know it's CORNY!!

Page 6: Ceramica, 380 Main Street

Mosquitoes love the taste of arms! Hope you don't see any along the way. How many can you find on this page? What colors are the flowers?

Page 7: The Stones, 380 Main Street

We hope you don't have any rain on your walk today! If you were wind what would you sound like? Can you move your body like the wind? Can you clap your hands to sound like thunder?

Next: Walk to the corner of Central Street and Main Street and use to crosswalk to walk towards the Greater Boston Stage Company to find the next page location.

Page 8: The Presti Group, 389 Main Street

What colors do you see in the rainbow? Can you find something green, brown, or yellow in the picture? Look very closely, can you find a gray cat?

Page 9: The Watchmaker, 379 Main Street

What shape is the moon? Can you find some other shapes in the picture? (Hint: star-shaped flowers; triangles at top of fence; nail holes are circles.)

Page 10: Curtain Time, 367 Main Street

What else do we see at night in the sky when the sun goes down?

Page 11: Salem Five, 359 Main Street

What season comes after summer? What happens to the leaves on trees when summer is over?
Next: The Book Oasis is a little bit of a further walk than the other pages. As you are walking point out the mailboxes and flags along the way. How many are there? Did you see any trucks or motorcycles?

Page 12: The Book Oasis, 311 Main Street

Yay! You've completed the StoryWalk®! We hope you had a lot of fun! When you go home draw a picture of something you remember about the book or something that reminds you of summer.

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