RUBY BRIDGES WALK to SCHOOL DAY

How to Create a Ruby Bridges StoryWalk®

A Short Instructional Guide

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What is a StoryWalk®?

Interactive reading experience

- StoryWalk® is an interactive and engaging way to read a book
- Pages from a children's book are placed along a walking path, trail, or open space, allowing readers to move from page to page while following the story
- It encourages literacy, family engagement, and physical activity all at once
- StoryWalks® can be set up by schools, libraries, or community groups to make reading fun, active, and accessible for all ages
- StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by the Kellogg-Hubbard Library



01 Connect

Connect with your school librarian or local library to see if they have experience creating StoryWalk® projects. They should be able to offer helpful tips and suggestions.

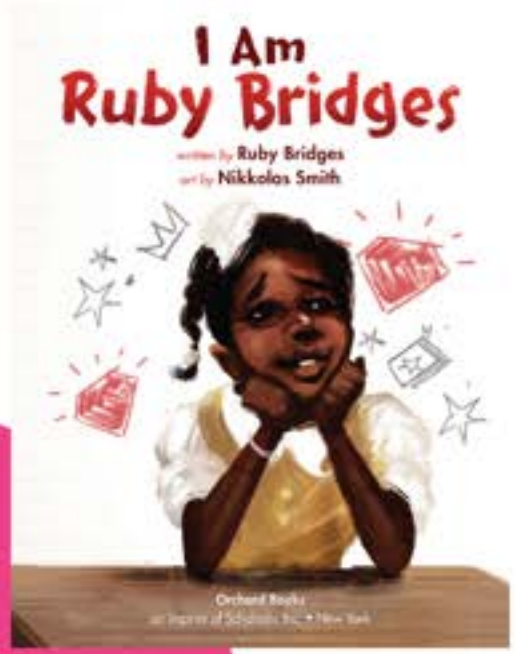


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02. Select the Book

We suggest the picture book *I Am Ruby Bridges*.



I Am Ruby Bridges
By Ruby Bridges
Illustrator Nikkolas Smith

Interested in purchasing the book?

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03. Request Permission

1. Request permission from Scholastic to use *I Am Ruby Bridges* for your StoryWalk®. Use our email template to draft your request (below).
2. Send the request to **permissions@scholastic.com**
3. Forward the permission *from Scholastic* to **Kori Johnson: kori@SafeRoutesPartnership.org**
4. We will send you the files for the StoryWalk®!



Download email template
(Storywalk® Permission Email Template)

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04. Location

Think about a location that is highly visible, walkable, and accessible to students and families. Schools, parks, and libraries are good spots! Make sure to request permission to install a StoryWalk® in your desired location.



Ideas for locations:

Walking path

Fence or gate

Window front

Playgrounds

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05. Materials

Choose your materials depending on your StoryWalk® location and budget. Depending on your materials, Story Walk installations can last for a single day to a several weeks.

- Yard signs (coroplast) – 24w x 18h is a standard size
- Sandwich boards
- Laminated poster boards



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06. Customize

Once we are forwarded the permissions, we will send you the files. Add a background, title, and logos to your StoryWalk® if you choose. If you are unsure how to do this, reach out to your district, agency, or organization communications team or the local library for assistance.



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We will send you the files after we receive the information.
Pick whichever one works best for you!

1. **Super Beginner**: a completed StoryWalk® PDF (less than 5 minutes to complete)
2. **Beginner**: a completed StoryWalk® via Powerpoint. You'll need to export to PDF or PNG, depending on your printer (less than 10 minutes to complete)
3. **Novice**: a StoryWalk® that can be customized with extra logos via Powerpoint (10-15 minute task)
4. **Expert**: photos of the book so you can create your own StoryWalk® via Canva, Powerpoint, or another graphics program (45+ minute task)



Need help? We're here to assist.
info@SafeRoutesPartnership.org

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07. Print & Install

Print and install your StoryWalk®. Depending on your materials, you might need assistance installing metal stakes into the ground. Consult your facilities or Public Works team in advance.





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08. Spread the Word

Spread the word! Invite students, families, and community members to visit the StoryWalk® and participate in Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day.



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Ruby Bridges StoryWalk®

with Kori Johnson + Ryan Harris

Want to learn more about StoryWalks® or how one community planned an event? View our Ruby Bridges webinar to see how Ryan Harris, Safe Routes to School coordinator for Santa Fe Public Schools implemented a StoryWalk® in the community.



Video starts with Ryan's project, but feel free to start from the beginning of the video for more helpful tricks and planning information!

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Do you have questions?

Email us! Info@SafeRoutesPartnership.org

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