

How to Make a Book Walk

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- ◆ **What is a Book Walk?** A Book Walk is a way to combine physical activity with literacy; this may seem like an odd mix, but it's an innovative way to get people of all ages out walking while reading children's picture books. Pages of a book are placed onto signs that are then displayed in parks, in front of libraries, or even displayed on downtown windows inviting families, children, caregivers, teachers and others to follow the path of pages. **You may want to talk to your local library to see if it does book walks and if they do, could you partner with them and sponsor a book walk with them.**
- ◆ **What do you need?** First you must decide who is your audience-be it pre-school children or school age. Then you need to make sure the book is available in paperback. When you have decided on a title, you will need to purchase at least 2 copies because you cannot scan and print pages, you must use the original pages.
- ◆ **What do you do next?** You will need to cut apart the book and make sure the pages are a double page layout which includes the title page and copyright page. You will want to tape the pages together and then have them laminated, either by your local library if partnering with them, or by another source. Make sure to make a beginning sign that says something about Welcome to the (...) Chapter Book Walk. I attach the pages to blank yard signs using what the library uses to cover paperbacks, Vistafoil laminate or Kapco laminate. Do not use Contact Paper, it does not stick well to the yard sign, believe me, I tried it. If you place the pages in downtown business windows, all you will need to do is have the pages laminated and then tape them to the windows. Don't forget to number the pages so that you know the page order.
- ◆ **Book Walk Book Suggestions:** (These are all available in paperback)
 - A More Perfect Union* by Betsy and Giulio Maestro
 - We the Kids* by David Catrow
 - We the People* by Peter Spier
 - How to Make a Cherry Pie and See the U.S.A.* by Marjorie Priceman
 - Rescuing the Declaration of Independence* by Anna Crowley Redding
 - Gingerbread for Liberty* by Mara Rockliff
 - F is for Flag* by Wendy Cheyette Lewison
 - Our Flag was Still There* by Jessie Hartland
 - The Flag I Love* by Pam Munoz Ryan
 - I Pledge of Allegiance* by Pat Mora and Libby Martinez
 - Fourth of July* by Emma Carlson Berne
 - I Pledge of Allegiance* by Bill Martin, Jr. and Michael Sampson
 - L is for Liberty* by Wendy Cheyette Lewison

