

Boston Reads

Boston Reads is the City of Boston's literacy initiative, designed to build a citywide culture of reading. Boston Reads empowers every Boston family to help their children grow as confident, joyful readers—one story at a time.

Do seashores gallop? Do dragons live in cities? Where do lost stuffies go? Learn more about the power of story time, storytelling, and books through the Boston Reads citywide literacy experience.



What Are Story Stops?

Story Stops are an exciting way for children and families to experience reading all around the City of Boston. Story Stops pair stories with city landmarks, activities, and neighborhoods, turning the city into a storybook!

Written to support early readers in building foundational skills, these stories—set in places like Moakley Park, Boston Public Market, and city gardens—connect literacy to the everyday experiences of Boston's children and their communities.

You can find Story Stops by looking for the pink and green stop signs in your neighborhood or you can visit our website at boston.gov/story-stops to find addresses on your travel route.



It all starts with a story.

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How to Use Story Stops

- 1 Visit a designated location across Boston and find the colorful Story Stop poster.
- 2 Scan the QR code or follow the URL link to access the digital version of the story on your phone or tablet.
- 3 Read together on-site or revisit the story later at home!



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