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StoryWalk® Kick-Off Event at Thompson Park

Watertown, NY~ Jefferson County Public Health Service, in partnership with the North Country Library System (NCLS) and the City of Watertown, invites families to the *Happy, Healthy, Lead-Free Me!* StoryWalk® kick-off event on Wednesday, July 19th from 2-3pm at Thompson Park. The StoryWalk® will be located around the Thompson Park playground loop, near the water tower.

Happy, Healthy, Lead-Free Me! was developed by NH Division of Public Health Services, Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and written by Gail C. Gettens and Knatalie Vetter. NH Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the region 1 Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit/Boston Children's Hospital both provided clinical support for the recently released children's board book.

StoryWalk® is a wonderful way for adults and their young children or grandchildren to combine literacy skills and physical activity while enjoying the outdoors. The book's colorful illustrations and rhyming text engage and delight children, while providing important lead safety information to the adult reader. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

The kick-off event is free and open to the public with no reservations required. The first thirty families at the celebration will receive their own copy of the book, *Happy, Healthy, Lead-Free Me!*, and a free bag of wet cleaning supplies which will include a Swiffer, refill wipes, baby wipes, and hand soap.

We would like to thank the North Country Library System for the development and installation of the StoryWalk® and the Friends of Thompson Park for their endorsement of the StoryWalk®.

Can't make the kick-off celebration? You can visit any day as the StoryWalk® pages will remain through the fall at Thompson Park for a self-guided experience.

