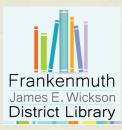


## Where the Pages Take You

ALL ABOUT DESTINATION STORY TIMES



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#### A little about me













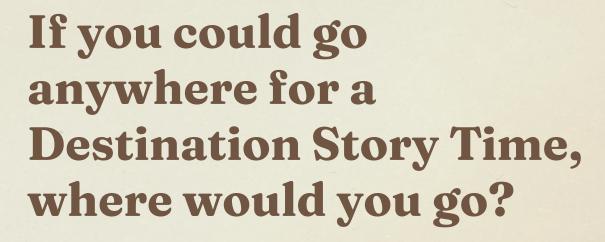
















#### Goals for our time together

**Understand** what a Destination **Story Time is** 

01

See some examples of what Destination Story Times look like

Understand the challenges and benefits of Story times on location

03

04

Brainstorm ideas for your own destinations







# What is a Destination Story Time?

Destination Story Time (noun) / des-tə- nā-shən 'sto:r-i taɪm/

- 1. A library-led story time that escapes the library, setting up in a fun, unexpected location—because books love field trips too!
- 2. A magical mix of reading, adventure, and community engagement that makes story time more memorable (and occasionally weather-dependent).







#### **STORIES!**

Think ahead and choose meaningful stories that go along with the place you are attending.

#### LEARNING TIME FROM THE DESTINATION

Usually someone from the destination we are visiting will come out and talk with our group and share or give a tour of the location.

#### **SONGS!**

I like to add songs and movement activities to make it feel like our regular story time session, just in a different spot.

#### SNACK? CRAFT? ACTIVITY?

Depending on the location, I will bring along a snack or craft to go along with the theme. If we are lucky, the destination will provide something.





#### The Benefits

Reaching New Audiences

**Community Engagement** 



Providing New Experiences





### The Challenges

Things I've learned along the way!



- Plan a few months out at a time.
- RSVP's are necessary, but tricky to manage sometimes.
- When should I repeat?
- Some places require a cost.
- Sizes of locations can pose a challenge.
- Advertising fairly is important.
- Don't be afraid to ask!



#### Let's look at some examples!















#### Helping Kids learn that places aren't so scary









## Introducing families to important organizations.











#### **Incorporating Physical Movement**













#### Getting Outside!









#### Oh, the Places We Have Gone!



Frankenmuth Martial Arts Vassar Theatre **Ravarian Inn Restaurant** Frankenmuth Historical Museum **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland** Frankenmuth Smiles Dentist Sugar High Bakery Star of the West Milling Co. Frankenmuth Woolen Mill Frankenmuth Insurance Gardens Frankenmuth-Birch Run Vet **Camping World** 



#### Oh, the Places We Have Gone!



Jaami's Ice Cream Frankenmuth Dance Directions Frankenmuth Fudge Kitchen Frankenmuth Credit Union **Family Eye Care Center Ember Salon** Frankenmuth Ice Rink with Saginaw Spirit Pet Angels Adoption and Rescue **Pennell Pumpkin Farm** Frankenmuth True Value Hardware Weiss Corn Maze Frankenmuth Credit Union **Birch Run Speedway** 

## **Magical Moments**











### Tips and Tricks

Choose a great location! 01 02 promote!

Promote,

Choose great

stories! 03 04

Prepare for the unexpected





## Let's Brainstorm!

Where would you like to take your families in your community?











### You can do this!

Don't be afraid to give it a 'go'!









## Questions?







#### Thank you for coming today!

Reach out anytime!

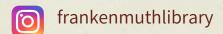
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