

When an eager Eagle Scout candidate asks if they can execute a project for you...and you have been thinking for awhile about installing a StoryWalk® on the library property...you jump at the chance to connect your community minded project with the goals of scouting and begin this project as soon as possible!

Those were the thoughts of Reference & Teen Librarian Elise Landesberg of Hendrick Hudson Free Library as Cortlandt Manor resident and frequent library user Jonathon Wong was pursuing ideas for his Eagle Scout project last summer. Jonathon, a member of Troop 36 Montrose, now a graduate of Hendrick Hudson High School, was able to help write a grant, receiving a generous \$4,000 from Con Edison.

With help and donations from James Dain of Dain's Lumber in Peekskill, Jonathon learned the many aspects of coordinating an outdoor project. He met with Library Director Jill Davis to discuss supplies and a construction schedule coordinated with our landscaper, and interacted with our staff, materials suppliers and his team of scouts who helped him with the on-site construction.

Jonathon also met with Children's Librarian Terri Jersey to select three age-appropriate stories for the StoryWalk® and prepare the laminated pages to insert. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with The Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Jonathon's project was even featured in a "Let's Move in Libraries" feature regarding StoryWalks® – and all was completed in time for him to use the project on his college applications and earn his Eagle Scout Award!

Hendrick Hudson Free Library invites you to please visit our new StoryWalk® with your family!

