



FRIENDS OF HUDSON PARKS



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Friends of Hudson Parks welcomes Donna Marie Przybojewski, author / illustrator as she introduces children to Henry David Thoreau, American author, philosopher, and naturalist.

Two of Donna Marie's books *Henry David Thoreau, Who Can He Be?* and *Henry David Thoreau Loved the Seasons of the Year* will be featured in the Story Walk kiosks in Veterans Way Bicentennial Woods and this spring!

Donna Marie, portraying Henry, will guide two Story Walk hikes this year leading a saunter through the pages of her books while sharing stories about Thoreau's life in Concord, MA during the 1800s.

Veteran's Way Walk - May 11, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.

This picture book has delightfully engaging and vibrant illustrations that walk children through the A, B, C's with simple rhyme as they learn about this American author. It is especially fitting to introduce Henry to children, so he can encourage them to partake in the joy of simple things, just as he had done with the children of Concord during his own time. Children were drawn to Henry David Thoreau because of his desire to teach them about the beauty of the natural world and to respect it. He took them on berry-picking parties, taught them about the animals, threw watermelon parties, and popped popcorn for them. Children respond to his simplicity, love of nature, and enthusiasm for appreciating life.

Bicentennial Trail Walk - June 2, 2019 - 3:00 p.m.

(Meet in the Hudson Springs Parking Lot)

Henry David Thoreau Loved the Seasons of the Year captures the vibrancy of each season at Walden Pond through its colorful illustrations that radiate not only the beauty of the seasons but the joyful youthfulness of Thoreau, who was a young man of twenty-eight when he began his stay at Walden Pond. This book will engage children and adults through the simple rhyme in which the seasons are described. Henry David Thoreau spent two years, two days, and two months at Walden Pond. During this time, he was devoted to describing the change of the seasons, which resulted in his book *Walden*. Through his writing, he teaches us to respect nature and appreciate its beauty so that we preserve its resources.

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