



The MAPSack Project

Where literacy meets nature

Leeds & Grenville Public Libraries



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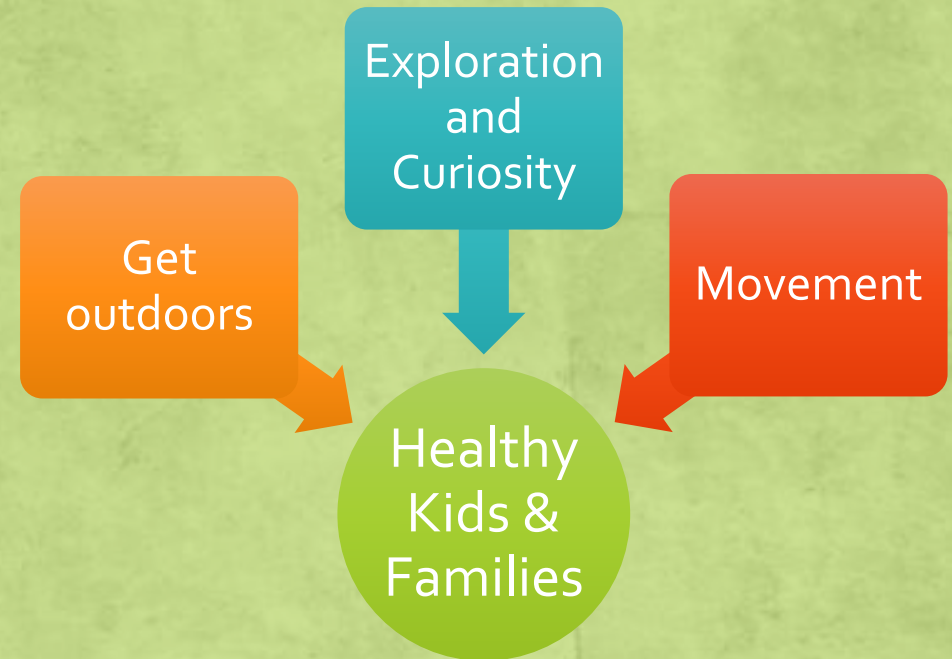
- How MAP came about & the MAP Project Goals
- MAP timeline & partners
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- Where MAP can go from here

MAP Project Goals



The MAPsack Project's mission is to encourage young families to get outside, move and play in nature while promoting nature literacy at the same time.

The MAPsack Project's mandate is to create nature-themed backpacks that provide the resources and inspiration for families throughout Leeds and Grenville to get outside, explore and have fun in nature.



How did MAP get started?



MAP TIMELINE

Growing concern over lack of physical activity and time kids spend outdoors.

Public Libraries as Community Partners in health & wellbeing.

2014
"Nature for
Life"
Summit

2015 Pilot
Project
with 6
MAPSacks

2016 Leeds
& Grenville
Launch 40
MAPSacks



Partners in MAP



How MAP Works



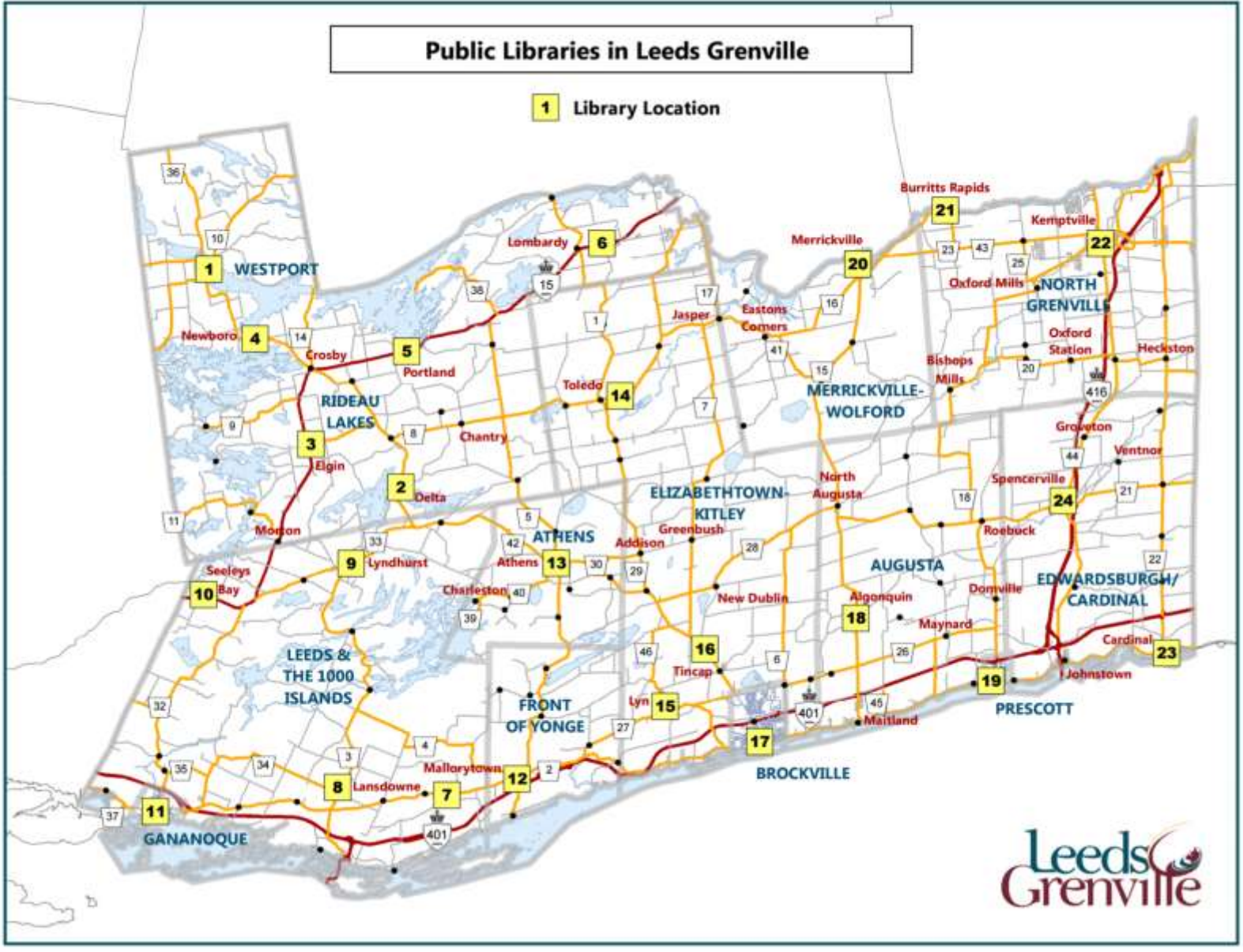
Tools & Inspiration to Get OUTSIDE and make your own discoveries

Where do I get a MAPSack?



The MAPSacks are available at any one of the Leeds & Grenville Public Libraries.

- 40 Nature themed backpacks rotate through 13 Public Library Systems (24 branches).
- Each library system decides on lending policy.
- Circulation statistics show the MAPSacks check out on average 10 times a year.



What's in the MAPSack?



- Parks Passes
- Books
- Gear
- Field Notebook

The Checklist makes it easy for families to keep track of what's in the bag and return all of the pieces.

CHECKLIST		
BOOKS: TRANSFORMERS		
☐	I don't want to be a Frog (Dorothy Bell)	
☐	Midsummer's changing roles (Suzanne Palmer)	
☐	Twelve's month (Kenne Witz)	
DAY PASSES		
☐	Park and/or Conservation Authority	
GEAR		
☐	Field Notebook	Journal to record your observations
☐	Binoculars	With compass attached
☐	Digging Tools	Small shovel, rake, sieve, brush
☐	Looking Tools	Magnifying glass, bug jar (includes tweezers and small net), measuring tape, treasure box
☐	Pencil Case	Includes eraser, 2 pencils, 12 coloured pencils, and a sharpener

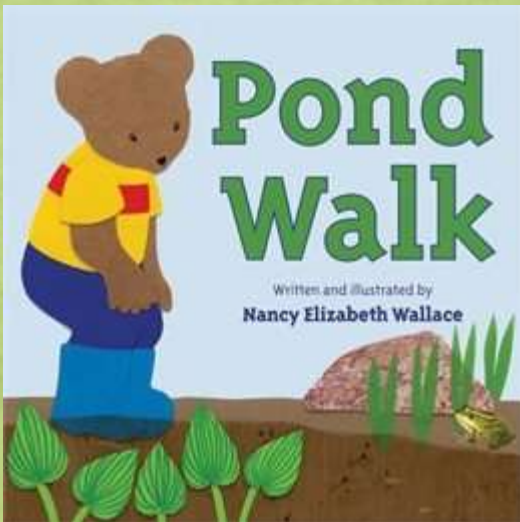


Nature literacy with MAP



40 Nature Themes

- Transformers (metamorphosis)
- Honkers & Quackers (waterfowl)
- Pond Babies (life cycles)



Books

- Picture books
- Non-fiction books

Booklet example



- Local wildlife
- Accurate information
- Fun!
- Word building
- Photos

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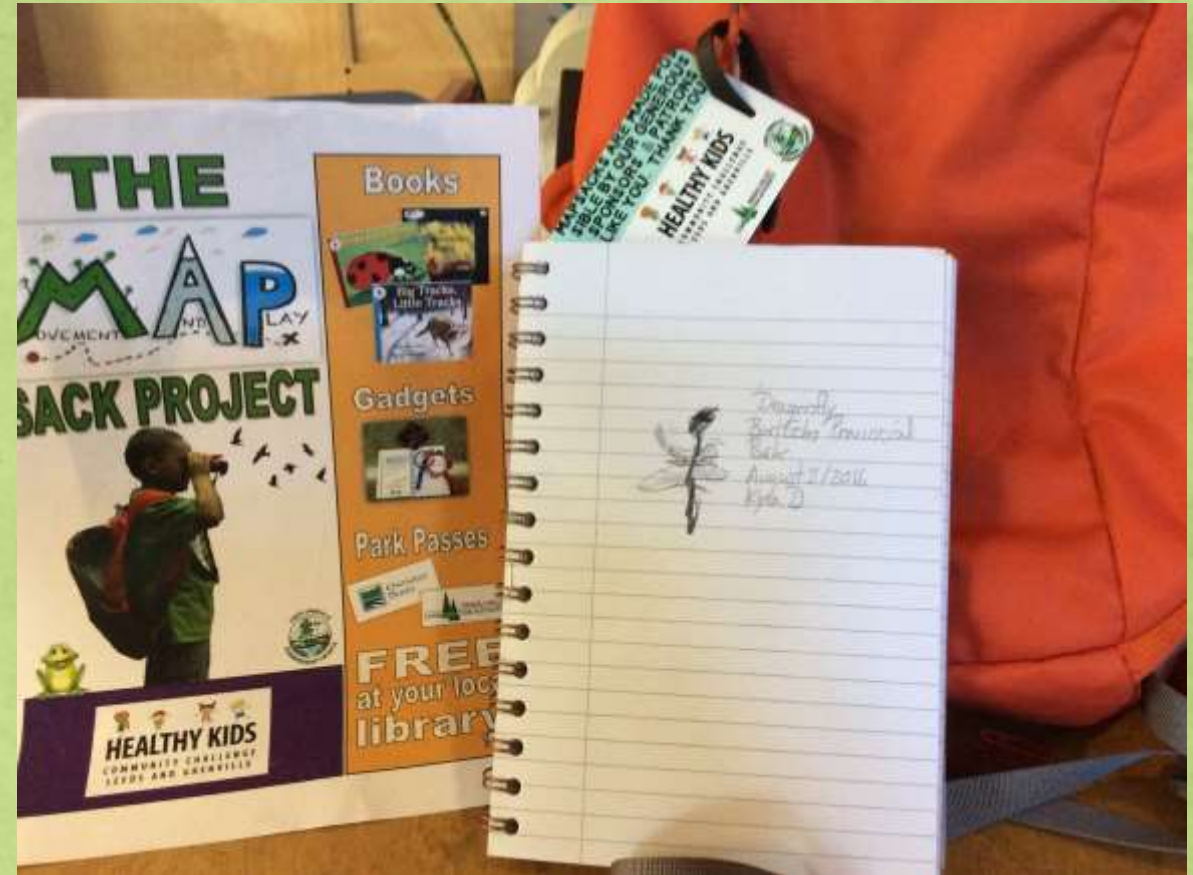


Field Journal

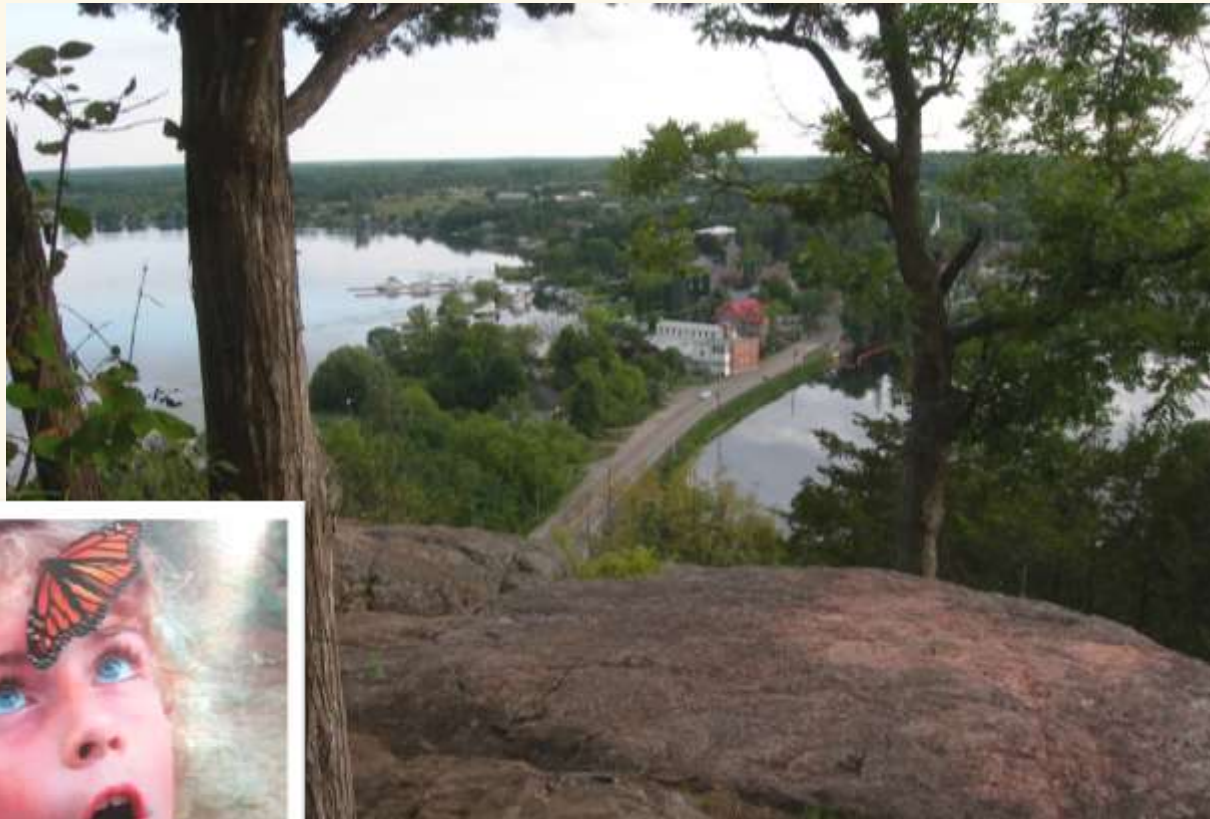
- Writing & sketching
- See themselves as naturalists
- Importance of data

"We are enjoying Limerick Forest and our taking a break at the viewing platform. We rolled over many logs and found insects, frogs and millipedes. We liked the magnifying glass binoculars and carrier with the magnifying lid. We put the frog we found in it. We can hear Canadian geese. We saw a great blue heron. We loved the books to read on our hike. There were dragonflies out."

Bjorn, Bryce and Ferris September 2016



Exploration with MAP



Access to local
Conservation Areas
& Parks



Exploration with MAP



...or in their
own backyard

Where will MAP go from here?



The project is growing!

- Lanark County Public Libraries: set to launch this year

Inquiries from

- York Region Public Library
- Greater Sudbury Area Public Library



THANKS!!



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