

The Fairies are returning!

Fairy House Builders Needed!



Help us line the Story Trail with Fairy Houses!

The Library has received word from the traveling Fairy group who visited Northfield last year that they would love to return as part of their annual New England tour and would we once again arrange for some temporary homes to be placed on the Story Walk Trail for them to stay in?

We need your help to make this happen! If you are interested in building a fairy house for the Story Trail please pick up a registration packet at the library (or download one from our webpage). We will mark out approved fairy house locations along the trail and once you register with us we will let you know which spot will be yours. More details and fairy house building guidelines and ideas, along with the registration form, will be in the packet.

This project is free and open to everyone—kids and adults!!

Please register by May 19th so we know how many houses we can provide to the traveling fairies.

Plan to place your Fairy Houses on your site anytime between May 20th—May 27th.

Saturday, May 28th will be Opening Day of the Fairy House Walk Village—fairies are expected to arrive and move in that weekend!

Email us with any questions: friendsofdml01360@gmail.com

Visit our webpage:

<https://northfieldpubliclibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/>



How to Build a Fairy House



Ready to build your fairy house?

Fairy houses can be spell-binding and intricate, while others are light-hearted and cozy. Some are built to withstand the seasons and others just for the day. They can be whatever ignites your imagination! The possibilities are endless! For inspiration, here's a little guide and a few tips.

Step One: Activate your imagination and see nature with new eyes

Imagine yourself as a fairy or tiny elf who might want a cozy place to sleep or maybe a fun playground or perhaps a library with books on magic. All these creations and more are available to you right in your own backyard. If you build it, they might come. Take a fresh look at nature's small wonders and get ready for an artistic, architectural experience.

Step Two: Gather materials and decide on the dwelling

Don your wings and head out into nature to gather up your materials. Don't forget a bag or basket! Anything can become something else with a little imagination. You'll have to explore closely to find the small cones, acorns, flowers, shells, stones, sticks, feathers, birchbark, and much more which will become your art supplies for this exciting adventure.

Note: We encourage all-natural building materials, even with the extra challenge they provide. Try not to use any plastic, metal or other non-natural materials that would be visible to viewers or that would be left behind in the woods after the natural materials have faded. It's okay to use some hot glue, wire, and twine if you need to make your structure hold together better, but best if you keep those types of materials hidden.

Will your dwelling be created spontaneously outside or maybe inside where you'll have days to refine your fairy house? Will your project be a simple cabin, a fairy spa, a school, a farmers' market or a fairy hairdresser? Maybe you'll create one of each!

Step Three: Register to receive your fairy house address

You will need to register to be assigned an approved fairy house location along the Story Walk Trail. Either fill out the enclosed form and drop it off at the library or email it to us at friendsofdml01360@gmail.com with the details from the form or email us a photo of the filled out form. We will reply to let you know your assigned fairy house site. This event is free and open to all!

Step Four: Building your Fairy House for the Story Walk Trail

Option 1: Build At Home and then transport completed house to assigned address. To be able to move your construction, we recommend building it on a platform such as a flat piece of wood or a slate roof tile or even a wooden cutting board. Option 2: Make a Fairy House Plan, Gather all your materials, and Build in place at your assigned address.

Fairy Houses can be placed or assembled at their assigned addresses starting on Friday, May 20th.

Please have Fairy Houses in place by the end of the day on Friday, May 27th.

Saturday, May 28th will be the official opening of the Fairy House Walk!



Questions? Email us at friendsordml01360@gmail.com
or message us via facebook: FriendsDML

**Guidelines and photos came from: <https://www.nature-museum.org/fairy-house-festival>

Here are some Fairy House Examples! They can be as simple or as fancy as you wish - Fairies like all styles!





Drop off the filled out form below at the front door of the Dickinson Memorial Library or send us an email at **friendsofdml01360@gmail.com** with the information or with a photo of the filled out form. Please register by May 19th. We will contact you with your assigned address to place your fairy house along the Story Walk Trail. Plan to place your Fairy Houses on your assigned site anytime between May 20th—May 27th. Parking for the Story Walk is in the Dickinson Memorial Library parking lot (115 Main St, Northfield). The Story Walk starts on Main St and ends on Dickinson St. Directions from the library parking lot to the Story Walk: From the library parking lot (turn right), walk to MA-10 (Main St), turn right (heading North) onto the sidewalk. Walk past the library, past a white house, and on the right is the Library Trail & the beginning of the Story Walk.

Yes, I would like to build a fairy house for the Story Walk Trail!

Name:

Best method of contact (phone or email):

