

Moving Stories

JANES WALK

LED BY LAURA NOVA

Take a journey through the not so secret tunnels of Knickerbocker Village, witness the demise of the Pathmark, enter the ritual mikvah...

Moving Stories (<https://www.movingstories.nyc/>) is a Senior-Led Walking Tour that provides access to a neighborhood online and/or in person. The website shares the walking tours in the form of fold-out guides and location-based documentary stories. This walk has been organized by Laura Nova.

Trying to sustain New York City's Lower East Side, a community under development, by featuring seniors for whom each block and building is rich with personal memories. Combining movement and memory, character and persona, Moving Stories provides visibility and engagement in a changing neighborhood. These stories are especially important because we will eventually lose these seniors due to aging and the encroaching developments that may displace them.

This walk is on-demand and no RSVP is required. The walk starts at the East Broadway F stop at East Broadway and Canal Streets.

ACCESSIBILITY

<https://www.movingstories.nyc> allows for multiple and hybrid access points. The audience can participate online, in-person and a combination of both. The self-guided route is a choose your own adventure on city sidewalks, so time, locales and duration are up to the participant, and it is accessible by public transportation. The fold-out maps and location-based videos are accessed in the palm of your hand or on a computer. Subtitles are available. Each story contains an exercise sequence where the national audience, young and old, can participate along with the seniors. The mobile experience of following on a phone adds to the "physical cinema" that Susan Sontag referred to in her 1996 New York Times article on the Decay of Cinema. Moving Stories is uniquely suited to mobile devices as movement, motion, time, and space are prime sources of the stories.

LOCATION INFORMATION

RSVP is required and capacity is limited. Meeting location, ending location, and directions will be provided via email before walk date.

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