

Ipswich Public Library Tails & Tales Scavenger Hunt Clues



Note: All of the sites in this scavenger hunt are within walking distance of the library, none are more than a third of a mile distant. Pay attention to the actual words in the clues. They will help you find the answers!

Tails

1) I stand on a rocky hill; my branches are made of steel,
And am home to many birds, none of whom are real.
I gaze over the town season after season,
I celebrate all that is art, for my existence *that* is the reason.
(*Can you count how many creatures I am home to?*)

2) Look up, up, up! Can you hear me crow?
I sit happily still -- until the wind blows!
Families come through my doors every Sunday,
And when they sit down it is often to pray.

3) I am the BIGGEST dog in town.
No one can take *me* down.
I guard the kids; I watch them play,
Especially when it's gym day!

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4) I study the world aloft on a flag,
A friendly bear – I never nag.
You're happy to see me; I bring you joy
Because when you do it *could* mean a new toy.

5) The deer with the spears are meant to fool
The deer who have no man-made tools.
Poised, the hunters are ready to throw –
Where, oh, where can the real deer go?
(Set upon a big brick wall, *these* deer are only two feet tall.)

Tales

Use the clues to find four specific places in town. Look for the sign with the QR code. When you've found it, use a phone to take a picture of the QR code. (Sometimes it is helpful to download the QR code reader app.) You will then be led to local historian Gordon Harris' web site and to the specific story relating to the place you have found.

- 1.) Noah had an ark from which to view the flood. Likewise, a local café with a back deck might have been a good place to watch the waters rise in Ipswich. (When you reach this story on a phone, be sure to scroll down to see the photos, especially the one from where you are standing!)
- 2.) They make beer here, and serve food, too. But once this brick building processed something very different that is generally associated with Ipswich. If you are close to a store that sells lots of tools and lumber, you are not very far! (Remember, this is a place within walking distance of the library, so think hard about the clues!)
- 3.) Why do we decorate intersections with flowers? To beautify the street, of course! There are three separate planters at this intersection with a main road in town that has many old homes. A pretty good view for people who stay at a local bed & breakfast! Find this QR code and learn about a funny event when a pudding (what we would today call a cake) was used as a soccer ball!
- 4.) The Devil made me do it! Or did he? Somewhere in town he made a lasting imprint.

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Answer Sheet

For the **Tails**, write down where you located the answer to the clue and what the object is.

For the **Tales**, write down the name of the story to which the clue directed you.

Tails

1.) _____

2.) _____

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Tales

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