

STORY BOX

TRUSTED BY LIBRARIANS, TREASURED BY COMMUNITIES



Australia's most celebrated digital literacy platform

Supporting
Public Libraries
to engage
communities
in a modern
world

Discover the
Magic of
Storytelling



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Welcome to StoryBox Hub

StoryBox Hub is the digital platform for the widely-celebrated resources, StoryBox Library and Story Tools. We're all about the transformative power of storytelling. By blending timeless tales with innovative video tutorials, we make literacy and reading fun, engaging, and accessible.



Inspire Creativity and Fun

Connect with kids

Champion Diversity

Our Values Celebrate Storytelling

Collaborate with Communities

Lead with Authenticity and Integrity

Foster Trust and Respect

We're seriously passionate about showing kids how stories can connect, engage, inspire, and educate.



Since 2013, StoryBox has transformed children's storytelling experiences by featuring diverse storytellers on an interactive platform that fosters language and literacy development. In 2023, we introduced Story Tools, a series of video tutorials by Australia's top authors and creators. This addition empowers children to unlock their creativity and develop their storytelling potential. Let StoryBox Hub be the gateway to creativity, imagination, and a world where stories come to life!



“Our transition to StoryBox Hub represents a significant milestone in our journey to support literacy and education globally. By bringing together StoryBox Library and Story Tools, we are reinforcing our commitment to delivering high-quality digital resources that inspire learning and ignite imaginations.”

CEO and founder, Nicole Brownlee



“StoryBox is such an important part of our community. It’s a place where parents and carers can trust to see quality story books”.

Frankie, State Library of Queensland

“Watching the storytelling videos and interacting with the content on StoryBox is a great way for kids to be introduced to literature in a fun and interactive way.”

Christine Peters, Project Officer, Public Libraries Victoria

Reasons to StoryBox Hub



Inspire reading in kids of all ages



Improve Language and Literacy skills with high-quality resources



Trusted, ad-free Platform with SIP2 & SAML Authentication capabilities



Exclusive access to Australia's BEST Literature experts



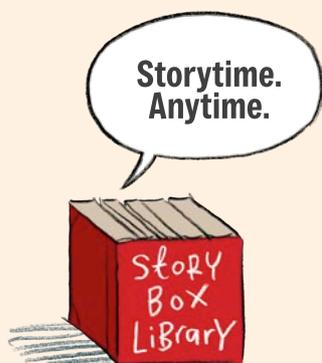
Promote Wellbeing with diverse and inclusive content



Download our App to enjoy Storytime, Anytime!

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Discover our resources, designed for Public Libraries to engage curious minds

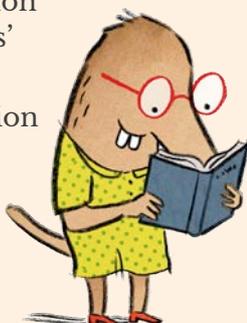


Favourite stories read by our best storytellers

A digital library designed to help inspire reading in kids of all ages.

What's on offer:

- Hundreds of celebrated stories read by engaging storytellers
- Australia's largest collection of authentic First Nations' stories
- A growing Auslan collection
- Read-Along feature
- Downloadable app



Create storytelling magic in your library space

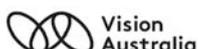
An innovative creative writing resource designed to support community programs.

What you'll get:

- Fun video tutorials with library-friendly activity packs
- Printable games, posters, and prompts to extend the creative experience
- Exclusive access to Australia's best-loved authors, illustrators, and storytellers



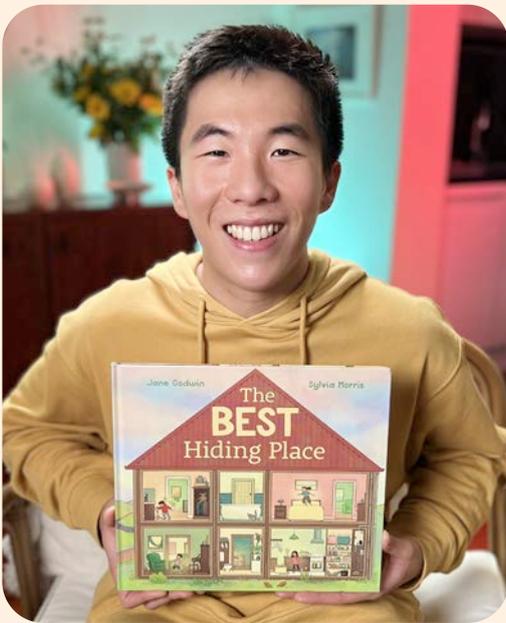
Our Industry partners believe in the power of stories



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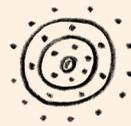
Champion Inclusivity and Celebrate Diversity

Celebrating diversity is essential for fostering an inclusive culture, but finding the right resources to support this can be challenging! StoryBox offers a magical gateway for all young people in your community to connect with the world around them.



“We love StoryBox Library because the presenters come from all different backgrounds. The Storytimes are really positive and we’ve learnt from how to be better storytellers just from watching how the professionals do it.”

Julie Bull, Librarian



First Nations' Stories

Immerse young learners in rich narratives from talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander creators, fostering a deeper and more authentic understanding of First Nations' cultures.



Auslan Translations

Enhance accessibility with key titles translated into Auslan, ensuring that children who are deaf or hard of hearing can fully engage with and enjoy these stories.



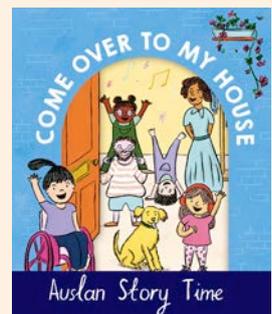
Accessibility Features

Benefit from closed captions and adjustable playback speed, supporting language learning and ensuring that every child can experience and enjoy celebrated stories.



Inclusive and Diverse Stories

Introduce children to high-quality literature that reflects the family and cultural diversity within Australian society.



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StoryBox Library

Our stories support public libraries to spark curiosity and a love of reading among community members. With much-loved picture books read by an all-star cast, everything's in one easy place - ready for families, kids, and carers to enjoy together.



“The magic of StoryBox Library is that beautiful books are shared in a fun and engaging way, without being over animated or oversimplified. This means that the children enjoying the stories still have room to think and dream. It truly is a gorgeous and wonderful story-sharing site”.

Katrina, Parent & Author



How can StoryBox benefit your community?

Trusted, Screen-Time with Purpose

Quality Australian stories read aloud by beloved authors, actors, and educators. Perfect for shared storytime or independent viewing, it's screen-time families can feel good about.

Support Language and Literacy Skills

Empower kids to develop essential language, literacy and reading skills through engaging stories and interactive content. Our high-quality stories showcase rich vocabulary, captivating narratives, broad text structures, and effective language devices.

Multimodal Literacy Tool

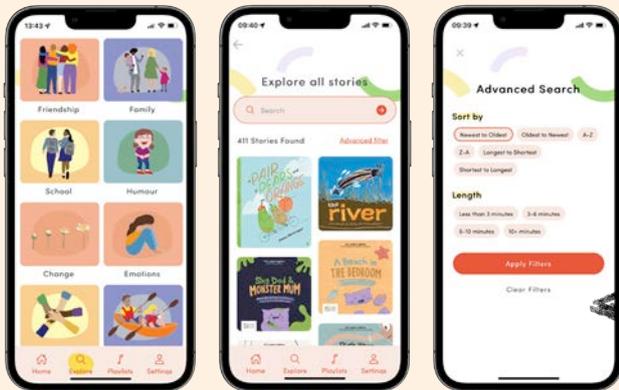
By blending images, text, sound effects, audio, and video, our story reads engage multiple senses and cater to diverse learning needs. Incorporating a variety of dynamic literacy strategies and experiences is key to effective learning!

Accessible Anytime, Anywhere

On-demand access from home, the library, or on-the-go devices.



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Digital Access Anytime, Anywhere:

Library Patrons can enjoy stories on tablets, laptops, or watch via the app!



Strengthen Community Connections

A powerful tool to bring families and communities together. Whether accessed from home or in-branch, it's a powerful tool to bring families and communities together through the joy of storytelling.

Complements Library Programming

From Baby Rhyme Time to Storytime, school holiday events to outreach visits, StoryBox fits effortlessly into your existing programs - adding depth, diversity, and a touch of magic to every session.

"I love StoryBox Library. I not only recommended it to families and children, but also a couple of adults who recently had dual cognitive implants and it really helped them to hear the word and the clarity. Aside from that, the children love it and the best thing we can do for our kids is read, sing, rhyme and play to get the foundations of literacy that are so important."

Denie Rosee, Epping Branch Library NSW



New! Read-Along feature

Boost reading skills with our 'Read-Along' feature as words highlight in sync with the storytellers voice, enhancing fluency, engagement, and comprehension!



Download or print activities to continue the literary magic

Children who were exposed to more storybooks showed a greater inclination to read for pleasure and in turn, had more advanced literacy skills as adolescents!

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Create with Story Tools

A fun and innovative resource featuring high-quality video tutorials and downloadable packs designed to support literacy and spark creativity, making it the perfect addition to your library program!



Your
Story Tools Host,
Tamala Shelton



“The Story Tools resources provide a peek behind the scenes of how authors create their work and offer practical hints and tips for children to develop their writing skills.”

Megan Daley, Author and Educator

“The children got a lot out of it, I’m very positive towards the whole Story Tools program. The authors are fantastic, the content is great, the resources are out of this world...everything flowed really well.”

Emily, Teacher-librarian

Fun Video Tutorials from Creators

Story Tools offers video tutorials featuring dynamic children’s book creators, providing authentic advice and behind-the-scenes insights to inspire young writers.

Inspires Creativity and Literacy

Story Tools helps young patrons build storytelling skills through fun, high-quality video tutorials and downloadable activities.

Unique Content with Real-World Connections

Expertly designed content showcases videos filmed at exciting locations, like Shaun Tan’s studio! Lessons connect to StoryBox Library content, highlighting relevant stories to inspire students without the “boring stuff”.



Anna McGregor

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Enhance Library Programs

School Holiday Programs

Keep kids engaged with Story Tools - a fun and educational way to inspire creativity and spark imagination.



Young Writers' Workshops

Ignite a passion for writing and creativity! Use Story Tools to guide budding storytellers through activities, prompts, and insights from real creators.

Writer's Festival Launches

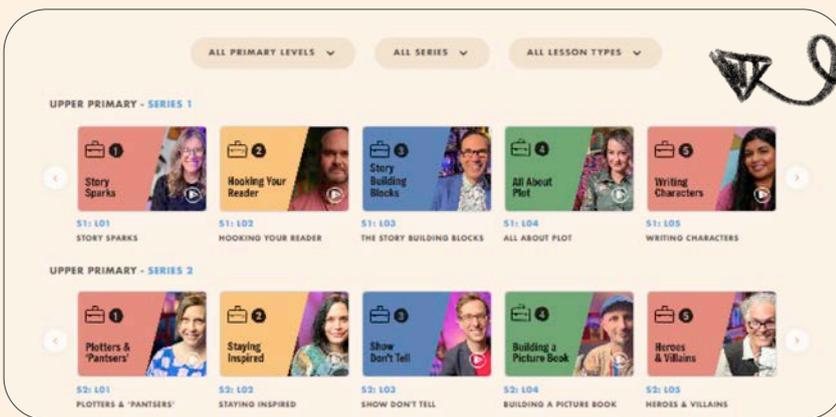
Elevate your literary events with exclusive video content and interactive tutorials from Australia's leading authors and illustrators.

Tutoring and Literacy Support

Incorporate Story Tools into tutoring programs to reinforce key literacy skills and provide diverse, high-quality learning materials.



Teaching Pack includes Activity Resources and Teacher Notes



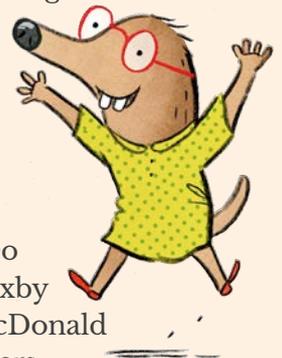
Explore via the following categories:

Lesson types over the three Story Tools series' include:

- Story Craft
- Creating Characters
- Visual Literacy
- Story Forms
- Becoming a Reading

Story Tools Creators Include:

- Anna Walker ■ Davina Bell ■ George Ivanoff ■ Nicki Greenberg ■ David Booth
- Nova Weetman ■ Lili Wilkinson ■ Mat Larkin ■ Melissa Keil ■ Ben McKenzie
- Karys McEwen ■ Jane Godwin ■ Adam Wallace ■ Jess Racklyeft ■ Bernard Caleo
- Mandy Ord ■ Susannah Chambers ■ Sasha Beekman ■ Scott Edgar ■ Claire Saxby
- Jess McGeachin ■ Valanga Khoza ■ Ailsa Wild ■ Heidi McKinnon ■ Andrew McDonald
- Shirley Marr ■ Anna McGregor ■ Campbell Whyte ■ Elise Hurst ■ Kirli Saunders
- James Foley ■ Emily Gale ■ Leanne Hall ■ Tamala Shelton ■ Shaun Tan ■ Aśka ■ Meg McKinlay



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Let's explore Story Tools

The screenshot shows the 'Hooking your reader' page in the Story Tools platform. At the top, it says 'STORY TOOLS / SERIES 1 / UPPER PRIMARY - LESSON 02'. The main content area features a video player with a 'PLAY' button and the title 'Hooking your reader'. Below the video, there is a 'UPPER PRIMARY' section with the title 'Hooking Your Reader' and 'SERIES 1 | LESSON 02'. A 'Great story openings that keep readers turning the page' section follows, with a 'Want to know how to begin your story with a BANG? Learn all about the dos and don'ts when you're starting, and some tips for writing engaging story openings that will hook your reader from the very first line!' text. Below this is a 'Video Chapters' list with timestamps: 00:00 Introduction, 00:27 Meet the creators, 01:15 How to hook readers from the first page, 02:28 Tips for writing first lines, 04:00 What to avoid when starting a story, 05:16 Final words of advice, and 05:40 Here's what we've learned. There are 'SHOW LESS' and 'STORY CRAFT' buttons. Further down are sections for 'LEARNING INTENTIONS', 'DISCUSSION QUESTIONS', and 'CURRICULUM LINKS'. A 'Related Lessons' section shows five cards: 'Story Building Blocks', 'All About Plot', 'Plotters and 'Panters'', 'Staying Inspired', and 'Show Don't Tell'. At the bottom, a 'Related Stories' section displays book covers for 'The Boy on the Street', 'Pete's Bad Hair Day', 'I Just Use My Friend', 'My Dream Birthday', and 'The Boy on the Page'.



Read about the featured creators



View the content description



Access a comprehensive (FUN!) Library resource pack including activities, games, and writing prompts



Access learning intentions and discussion questions



Select related lessons



This will take you to our StoryBox Library content

“Story Tools is a great tool and resource for our online Little Writers program at the library. Our Little Writers love the short, fun, and engaging videos which provide them with useful writing techniques which they can apply in school. Library staff can make a well-structured and scaffolded lesson plan with Story Tools’ professionally designed resources on various topics for the whole year.”

Camie Wu, Melton Public Library



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Nurturing Resilience through Storytelling

With 1 in 7 primary school-aged children experiencing mental health challenges², it's more important than ever to support their well-being from an early age.



By sharing stories, connecting through discussion, and fostering empathy, parents, carers, and librarians can use our digital collection to explore themes of resilience. We want to help children feel understood, validated, and secure in their emotions.

You can nurture emotional growth and resilience through our careful selection of stories that open doors to meaningful conversations.

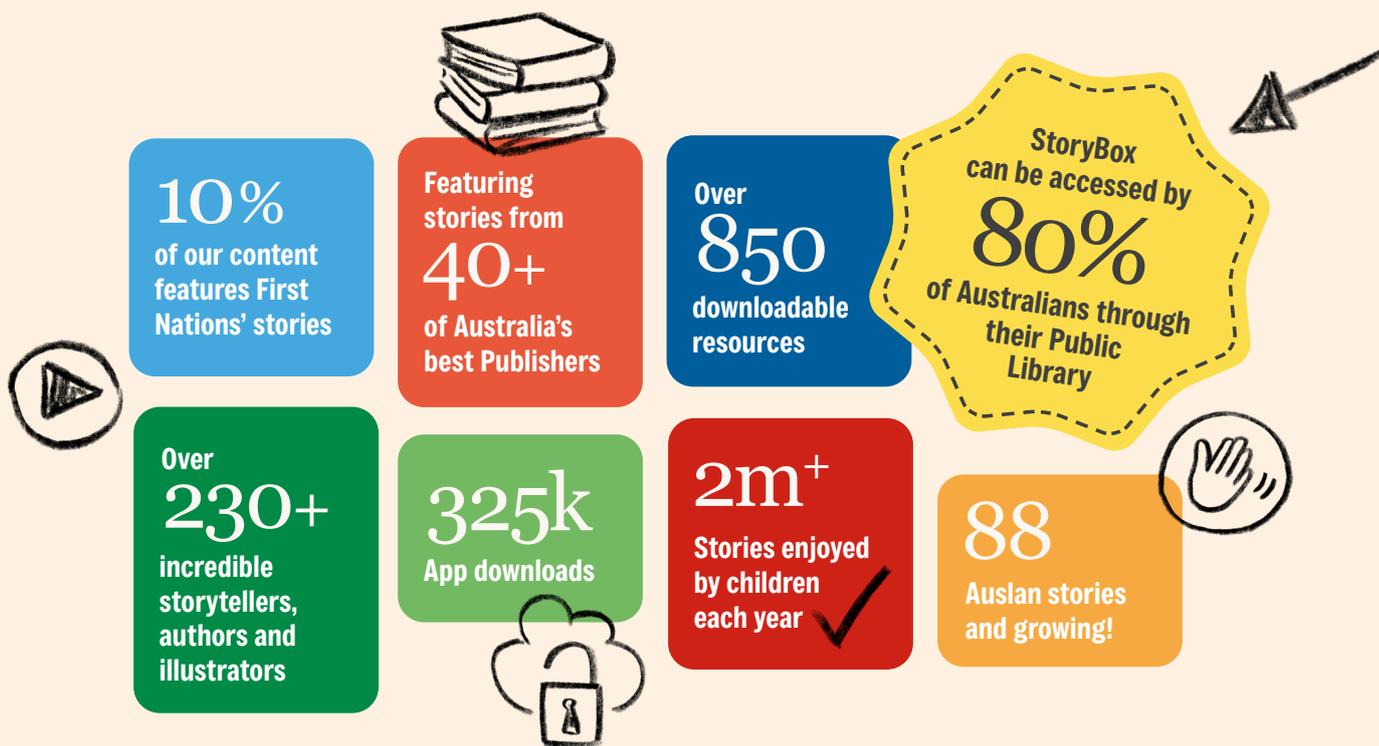
Dive into our advanced search filters under the 'Social and Emotional Wellbeing' category to uncover content that addresses crucial topics like anxiety and resilience, worries and fears, self-esteem and confidence, inclusion and exclusion, acceptance and belonging, mindset, identity and values, change and transition, and more.



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We are StoryBox!

We're excited for you to explore StoryBox! Dive into our platform and see how our high-quality content ignites curiosity and joy for your community. We can't wait for you to experience the magic together!



1. Australia Reads: <https://australiareads.org.au/research-review/>
2. Foundation for Learning and Literacy (2024) Foundation for Learning and Literacy Touchstones <https://australiareads.org.au/news/early-years-literacy-principles/>

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Curiosity.
Creativity.



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