



Get started with STORY BOX HUB

* A guide
for library
staff

Welcome to StoryBox - Australia's most celebrated digital literacy platform supporting public libraries to engage communities in a modern world.

We know, as librarians, you'll be keen to find out how you can use StoryBox in your community space and get the most out of your subscription.

What is StoryBox Hub?

StoryBox Hub is home to StoryBox Library and Story Tools - two powerful resources designed by educators; trusted by librarians and treasured by communities.

StoryBox Library is a digital library of 600+ beloved and award-winning Australian picture book stories designed to inspire reading in kids (and adults!) of all ages. With features like Read-Along, closed captions, Auslan stories, a First Nations' series and engaging audio-visual content, StoryBox Library is designed to be inclusive and accessible for everyone.

Story Tools is an innovative creative writing resource used by teachers, librarians and educators to support literacy programs. These high-quality video tutorials feature Australia's best children's writers, illustrators and literature experts giving subscribers exclusive access to real-life creators and their behind-the-scenes processes.



How can StoryBox benefit your library community?

- * Trusted screentime with purpose
- * Supports language and literacy skills
- * Multimodal literacy tool
- * Accessible anytime, anywhere
- * Strengthens community connections
- * Complements library programming
- * Perfect for everyday storytime sessions



Using StoryBox to enhance Library Programs



School holiday programs

Keep kids engaged with Story Tools and StoryBox Library - a fun and educational way to inspire reading, 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.



Literary 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.



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How library patrons access the platform:

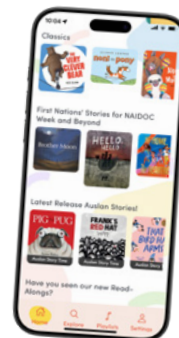
It's easy!

- Visit storyboxhub.com/libraries or tap "Log in with Library Access" in the StoryBox app.
- Select your library or local council name.
- Enter your library card barcode and follow onscreen prompts.
- Enjoy our stories, short films and at-home activities!

StoryBox Library

How library patrons access the app:

- Visit your App Store or Google Play.
- Search for the app using: StoryBox Library.
- Download - it's free!
- Tap "Log in with Library Access" in the StoryBox app.
- Find your public library or local council in the dropdown menu.
- When you find their name, select it.
- If you see both barcode and PIN/password fields, enter the same details you use to access your library catalogue.



Or, if you just see a barcode field, enter your library barcode number, click log in, then confirm your details on the next page. You will only need to do this once - the next time you log in you'll only need to enter your library barcode and the password you chose during registration.

10 Reasons to StoryBox and use it at your library

- 1 Supports library staff** to get kids and adults excited about literacy and reading
- 2 Professional development** for library staff to boost skills and confidence
- 3 Supports ESL/EAL** by giving patrons the chance to hear the spoken word aloud
- 4 Provides patrons** with access to a world of stories, short films and at-home resources
- 5 Promotes wellbeing** with diverse and inclusive content
- 6 Improves language** and literacy skills for your community
- 7 Fosters community** connections with in-house events
- 8 Exclusive** access to Australia's best literature experts
- 9 Free** at-home access via the StoryBox Library app
- 10 Trusted**, ad-free platform with SIP2 and SAML authentication capabilities

Why choose StoryBox over other 'free' storytelling websites?



■ StoryBox supports the Australian publishing landscape by focusing on local creators including authors, illustrators and artists.

■ By providing free access via participating libraries and schools, we promote educational equity for all Australian children and families.



■ Our content is vast and varied, and we regularly add new titles including CBCA short-listed books. We also partner with literacy leaders such as ALIA to champion literacy and reading initiatives such as National Simultaneous Storytime and the Big Summer Read.

■ We licence rights to use the books in our collection from publishers and rightsholders and a significant portion of subscription fees is used to pay ongoing copyright fees that support creators and, in turn, the Australian publishing industry.



■ Each story comes with tailored Classroom Ideas and/or Activity Time that are specifically created for the Australian Curriculum, further connecting children to the themes of each story. Plus each Story Tools lesson comes with a library specific resource pack.



■ Our storytellers are chosen to ensure a broad range of voices, ages, gender and backgrounds to ensure diversity.



■ StoryBox is an ad-free, secure and educational platform. In 2023, we received our Safer Technologies for Schools badge, meaning that our platform meets the highest standards in data protection for librarians and educators. We also partner with Intopia, a disability-led social enterprise, working towards applying Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2 throughout our platform.



Your ongoing trust in StoryBox to help nurture that creative curiosity means the world to us.

And because we value everything that you do, we work hard to ensure that our stories, short films and library-focused resources are as helpful as possible for you to use in your community space.



Together, we can keep ensuring that the magic of Australian stories are available to every kid in every community.

