

STORYBOX

RESOURCES DESIGNED BY EDUCATORS FOR EDUCATORS

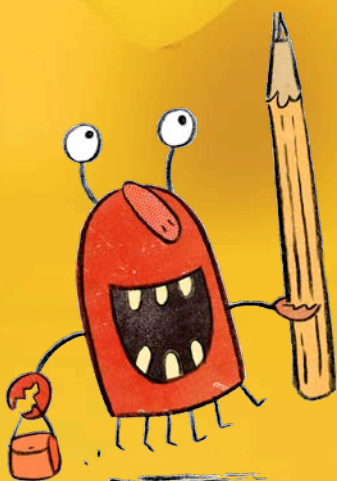


Australia's most celebrated digital literacy resource

Supporting
Early Learning
Centres across
Australia



A fun and
affordable
resource with
at-home
access



The best stories
read aloud by
an all-star cast
of storytellers!



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Enhancing Learning Outcomes

We are StoryBox! As a team of educators, we understand the challenges and joys of teaching. Our stories and resources have been developed specifically to support you in keeping your students engaged and curious. We're here to support your mission to ignite a love of learning, language, and stories.

“Storytelling enriches our lives and is the most powerful way to connect us all. Every child loves stories and at StoryBox Library there is a story for every child. As a former teacher, I would have loved to have used StoryBox with my students. Seeing educators use StoryBox with their young learners and having fun with the best Australian literature warms my heart. It’s all about spreading the joy of reading, celebrating diversity, and creating magic in every classroom, library and home.”

Nicole Brownlee, Founder/CEO



How can StoryBox help you?

Literacy and Language Skills

Cultivate essential literacy and language abilities with high-quality stories that showcase rich vocabulary, captivating narratives, broad text structures, and effective language devices.

Multimodal Literacy Tool

By blending images, text, sound effects, audio, and video, this tool engages multiple senses and caters to diverse learning needs. Incorporating a variety of dynamic literacy strategies and experiences is key to effective learning!

Intentional Teaching Tool

Harness the power of our high-quality, carefully curated picture books to ignite a child’s natural curiosity and foster the development of executive function¹. Our resources support key outcomes, including building a strong sense of identity, enhancing connections and contributions to their world, enhancing wellbeing, encouraging confident and engaged learning, and promoting effective communication.

Digital Learning Accessible Anytime, Anywhere

Enhance digital literacy through co-viewing and interactive storytelling. Educators and

“StoryBox Library is a favourite at Haileybury! Our Early Learners love to see the latest picture books brought to life on the big screen. Sound effects, music and engaging story tellers really add to their joy of reading.”

Elizabeth, Haileybury College,
Head of Library Services



families can enjoy stories on tablets, laptops, or interactive whiteboards, and share them via our app, creating a positive and lasting connection to books and reading at home.

User-Friendly Platform Design

Effortlessly find stories by theme, series, author, awards, and more - catering to whatever sparks your young learners' curiosity.

Independent Exploration

With easy navigation and clear visual book covers, children can independently select stories, fostering a sense of agency and ownership in their learning journey.

Enhance Play-Based Learning

Our stories inspire creative play, fuel complex pretend play narratives, and encourage deep exploration, enriching traditional learning with multimodal play experiences.

EYLF V2.0 Linked Resources

Downloadable educational resources provide engaging, play-based experiences for further investigation, discussion, and activity time.

StoryBox Library's extensive and fun collection supports all areas of the Early Years Learning Framework V2.0 (EYLF V2.0).

Children who were exposed to more storybooks showed a greater inclination to read for pleasure and in turn, had more advanced literacy skills as adolescents².



“StoryBox Library is user-friendly and easy for everyone. We especially like that someone who has played a part in creating these great stories is the one to also read it for their audience. The children all love how interactive the stories are and how there are so many options to extend the children's learning within the classroom. The variety of stories ensure that we are able to develop the children's learning through a multitude of avenues and the stories really assist with this”.

Jessica Salomon, Assistant Centre Manager,
Community Kids Berwick

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Champion Inclusivity and Celebrate Diversity

Diversity and inclusion are important to ensure that every culture and perspective are represented, but accessing the right resources can be challenging! At StoryBox, we make sure every child can see themselves in our library of content.

Plus, we keep things inclusive and easy to access for everyone!



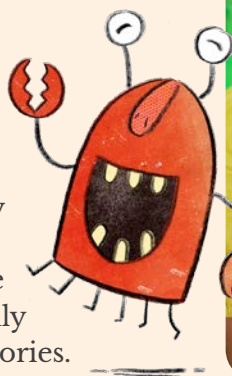
First Nations' Stories

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.



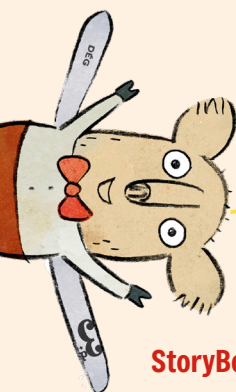
Inclusive and Diverse Stories

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



“Not only did StoryBox Hub have so many different First Nations books, they were also read by diverse First Nations storytellers varying in age, appearance, career, mob, location and gender. I thought it was so wonderful that children would see so many different First Nations people — in all of our shades of deadly! Now, I look through the library and see so many new First Nations books and storytellers — and that these storytellers read books beyond the First Nations book category too!”

Jordyn Green, Aboriginal Educator



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Nurturing Resilience through Storytelling

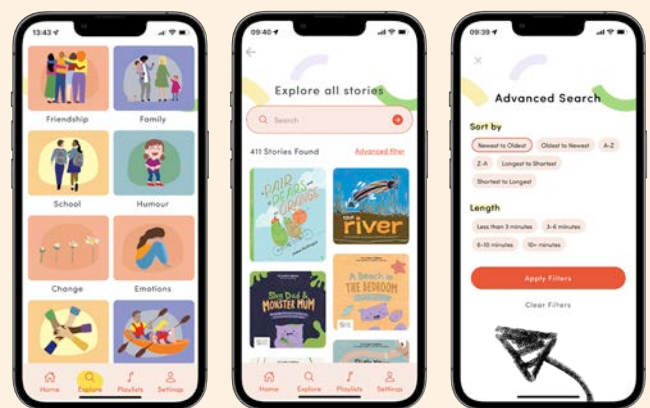
With 1 in 7 primary school-aged children experiencing mental health challenges³, it's more important than ever to support their well-being from an early age.



By sharing stories, connecting through discussion, and fostering empathy, parents, educators, 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.



Our downloadable Activity Time ideas are designed to help students explore and understand their emotions in a safe, supportive environment.



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Supporting Educators ✓

We create resources specifically designed to tackle your biggest classroom challenges, keeping your students engaged and excited. With practical activities and innovative ideas, we're here to support you in your Early Learning setting.



“Having access to such a wide range of quality Australian children’s literature being read aloud by a diversity of storytellers, is so valuable! The storytellers and high standard of production, really help to hook children into the stories.



And the Activity Time resources provide inspiration for exploring and connecting with the themes within the books further.”



Nina Perkinson, Educator and Resource Developer for StoryBox

StoryBox Library

Boosting Engagement

Professional storytelling captivates children, inspiring a love for reading and learning that educators can nurture and expand upon.

Skill Enhancement

Watching expert storytellers in action helps educators refine and elevate their own storytelling techniques.

Creativity and Critical Thinking

High-quality storytelling and picture books sparks creativity and critical thinking in children, which educators can further develop and scaffold in the classroom.

Personalized Playlists

Tailor the learning experience by creating playlists that cater to your young learners’ unique needs and interests.

Support Inclusivity and Diversity

Our stories empower educators to help children embrace diversity and support inclusivity with respect, aligning with EYLF V2.0 Learning Outcome 2.2.

Supports The Australian Professional Standards for Teachers

Assists early childhood educators in integrating ICT (Information & Communication Technologies) into teaching and learning programs with engaging, relevant, and meaningful content, aligning with Standard Descriptor 2.6.2.





STEM-Focused Stories

Inspire curiosity and critical thinking with STEM-focused stories that blend science, technology, engineering, and mathematics into captivating narratives, making complex concepts accessible and fun.

ESL/EAL benefits

Support English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners with stories that are both engaging and accessible, designed to build language skills through enjoyable, relatable narratives.

Translated Titles

Explore translated titles that open doors to new languages and cultures, broadening children's horizons and supporting multilingual learning environments.



Sleep with Kip

Developed by Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI), the 'Sleep with Kip' series provides a fun, evidence-based approach to promoting healthy sleep habits. Backed by over 20 years of research, this six-book collection is a valuable resource for educators and families alike, offering strategies to manage common sleep challenges in children.



Sleep with Kip™

CBCA Book Week Resources

Celebrate CBCA Book Week with stories that bring this beloved event to life, with accompanying fun activities, encouraging a deeper connection to reading and Australian literature.

STORYBOX LIBRARY ACTIVITY TIME: BOWERBIRD BLUES

Hands-on and engaging learning experiences for younger learners

Activity Time

BOWERBIRD BLUES

Author: Ann Peffer
Illustrator: Kip Struan
Storyteller: Megan Dwyer
Publisher: Walker Australia
Activity age: Early Years, Lower Primary
Themes: Naturalist, Creativity, Culture, Science

Use the mystery set...

Example of use: Use the objects to create a story.

Use your best to get collecting! Just like the Bowerbird in the story, gather and create your set of objects. Can someone else guess what the objects all have in common?

Use the objects to create a story. Use something that all the objects have in common. For example, all the objects in my set are made of wood. Or all my objects are red. Use the objects to tell your story.

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STORYBOX LIBRARY ACTIVITY TIME: THE CONCRETE GARDEN

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Activity Time

THE CONCRETE GARDEN

Author: Bob Graham
Illustrator: Kip Struan
Storyteller: James Tan
Publisher: Walker Australia
Activity age: Early Years, Lower Primary
Themes: Naturalist, Creativity, Culture, Imagination

Outdoor chalk activity ideas:

You will need:

- A concrete area outdoors
- Chalk
- Coloured string (e.g. twine) and paper clothespins for marking your chalk and string on.

Do you like to create with chalk? Here are some ideas for outdoor chalk drawing activities that you can do with others:

- Draw a giant picture frame. Take turns asking a peer inside the frame and taking photos of each other.
- Draw a road that leads around a large circle. Walk together to draw buildings, houses, parks and around the outside of the road. Can you include some transport on the road too?
- Create an obstacle course. E.g. lay out the string, jump forward and backward across the string, hop, skip, crawl on the circle. Ask a peer to do the next one.
- Create a picture scene with everyone making their own drawings of garden plants, trees, animals, clouds etc.
- Use string to create a garden. Colour inside the shapes with chalk. Invite the peer to create one and then taking photos together.
- Write down different items of the day (e.g. 7:00am). Draw pictures under each of something that you see on the way to school. You might like to do the same with your friend.
- Create a picture scene in different colours. Each person can draw something that starts with the same sound letter. You might like to do the same with your friend.
- Create chalk paint. Mix an adult help, mix together ground chalk and water. Use a paper bowl to pour your chalk drawing into the container.

Use the QR code to see the video.

STORYBOX LIBRARY ACTIVITY TIME: SNAP!

Hands-on and engaging learning experiences for younger learners

Activity Time

SNAP!

Author: Bruce Smart
Illustrator: Bruce Smart
Storyteller: Megan Dwyer
Publisher: Walker Australia
Themes: Performance, Show, Movement, Creativity, Culture, Music, Music

Activity age: Early Years, Lower Primary

Movement Spinner Game

How fun will different movements using this spinning wheel game?

1. Create a spinner by dividing a paper plate into different sections across the middle with a ruler. You can choose how many sections depending on the number of movements you'd like to have for your game. Alternatively, use the templates attached (glued on to avoid spillage).

2. Colour each section a different colour.

3. Cut an arrow shape from a piece of paper card.

4. Show the arrow across the centre of your wheel. With an adult help, place a hole through both the arrow and wheel. Insert and arrange the split pin.

If you are one ready to spin the wheel. See which colour the arrow is pointing at and that's the movement for this colour.

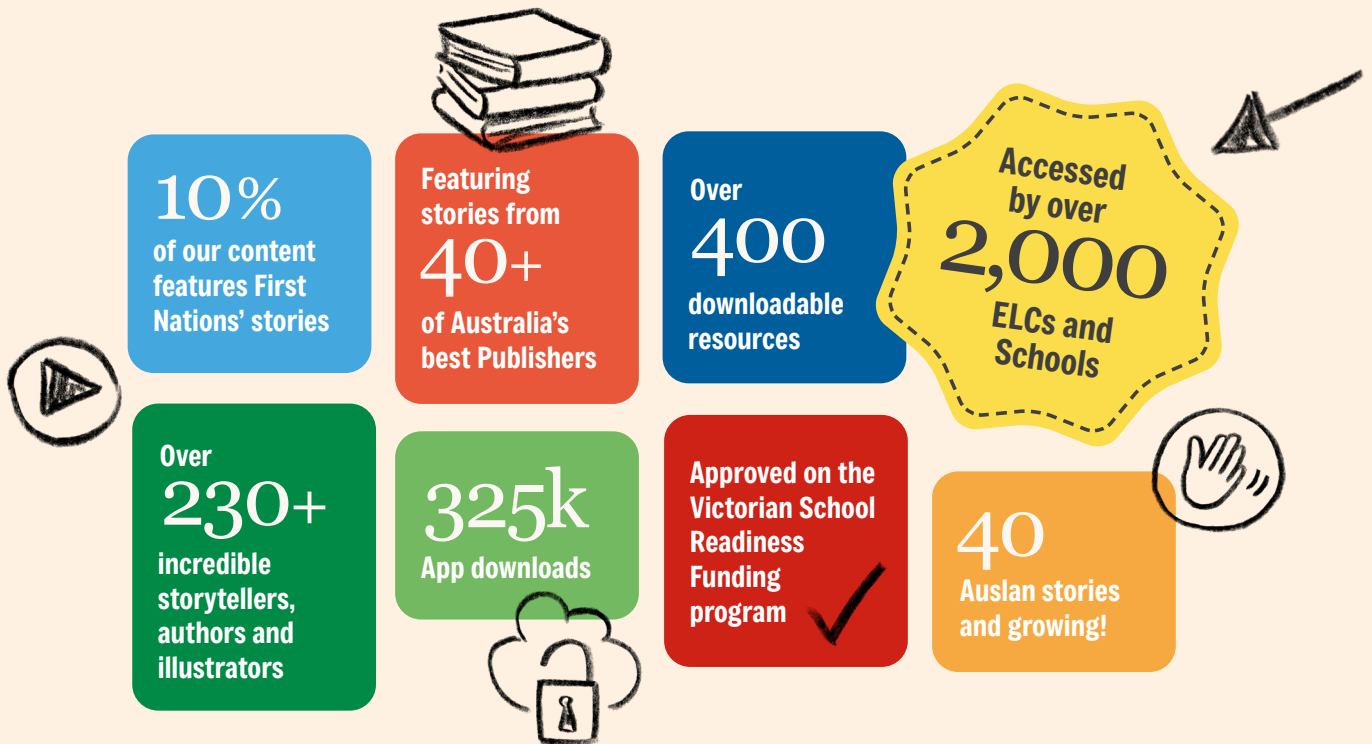
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