StoryBoxHub
User Guide for Schools

Welcome to StoryBox!

StoryBox is designed to inspire creativity, curiosity, and learning through our rich collection of stories, video tutorials and educational resources. StoryBox can be accessed on any device - smart board, laptop, iPad, or phone - making it perfect for use in the classroom, library, or at home.

This User Guide will help you navigate and maximize your experience with the platform, ensuring you get the most from every feature.

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Information for the Account Holder

The Account Holder is the main contact responsible for a School subscription. This person will receive all communication in regards to the subscription, including billing. They can also access their account details in their Account Settings when logged in.

As the Account Holder, you can:

- Locate and update the Viewer Login username and password
- Update contact details
- View usage statistics
- Check the start and end date of your subscription
- Manage closed caption default settings
- Allow viewers control of playlists
- Add and loop playlists

IMPORTANT!

Never use the same password for both roles to prevent viewers from accessing account settings.

Information for Viewers

Viewers have a different password which only provides access to story content (not Account Settings). The Viewer login can be given out to students, staff members and families at schools to enable them to watch stories at home using their own device. The viewer login is multi-user and is the same for everyone at the school.

As the viewer, you can:

- Access the StoryBox app and website using the Viewer Login username and password
- Use all key features of the StoryBox app and website

Key features of your subscription

Below is a list of our key, and most-commonly used features. The links below will take you to our website with instructions on how to use each feature.

Closed captions:
How do I turn on captions?
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/37

Playlists:
How do I use playlists?
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/15

Downloadable App:
How do I download the StoryBox app?
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/80

Auslan Series:
Searching for titles in our Auslan series
Click on the link below and use the options on the left-hand side to search for stories via filters including age group, length or theme.
StoryBox Hub | Search Results

Airplay and casting:
How do I Airplay or cast StoryBox stories to my TV?
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/50

StoryBox resources:
Where to find the resources
https://storyboxhub.com/resources

Story Tools:
Where to find Story Tools
https://storyboxhub.com/lessons

Key features only available to the Account Holder

For privacy and security reasons there are some features that are only available to the Account Holder, these are listed below:
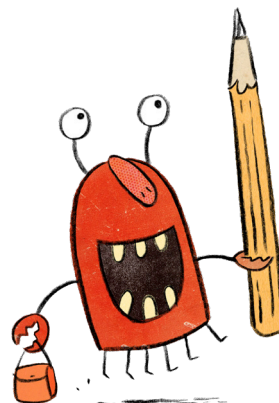
How do I access viewing statistics?
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/22

How do I hide stories?
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/75

To report a technical issue please submit your information here.

If you need further assistance, contact our technical support team here.
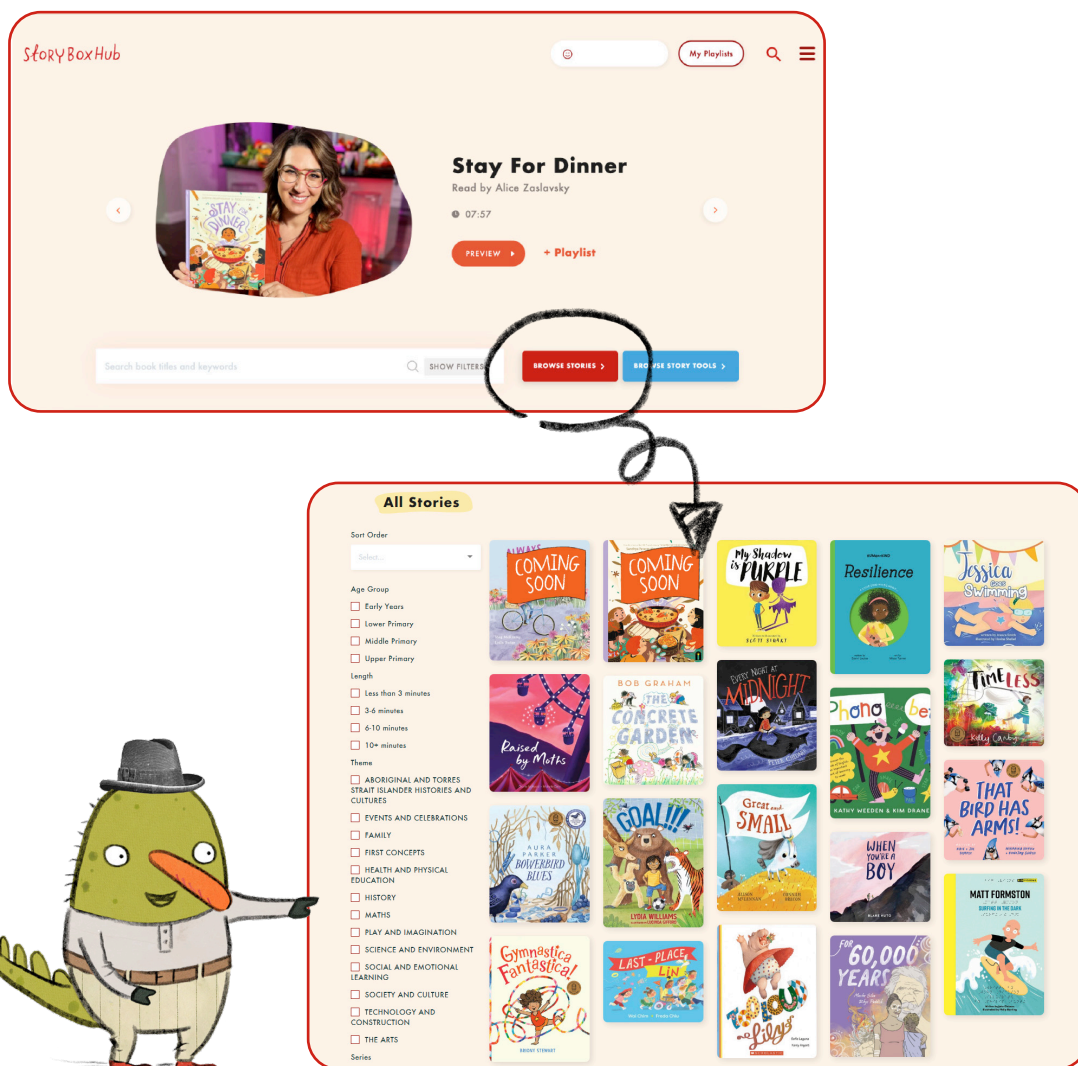
Accessing Content

Your subscription gives you access to StoryBox Library, Story Tools and our Resource Hub. To access these areas, refer to the below:

To access StoryBox Library:

1. Sign in using your school credentials (that is, your Viewer log in) to access stories.

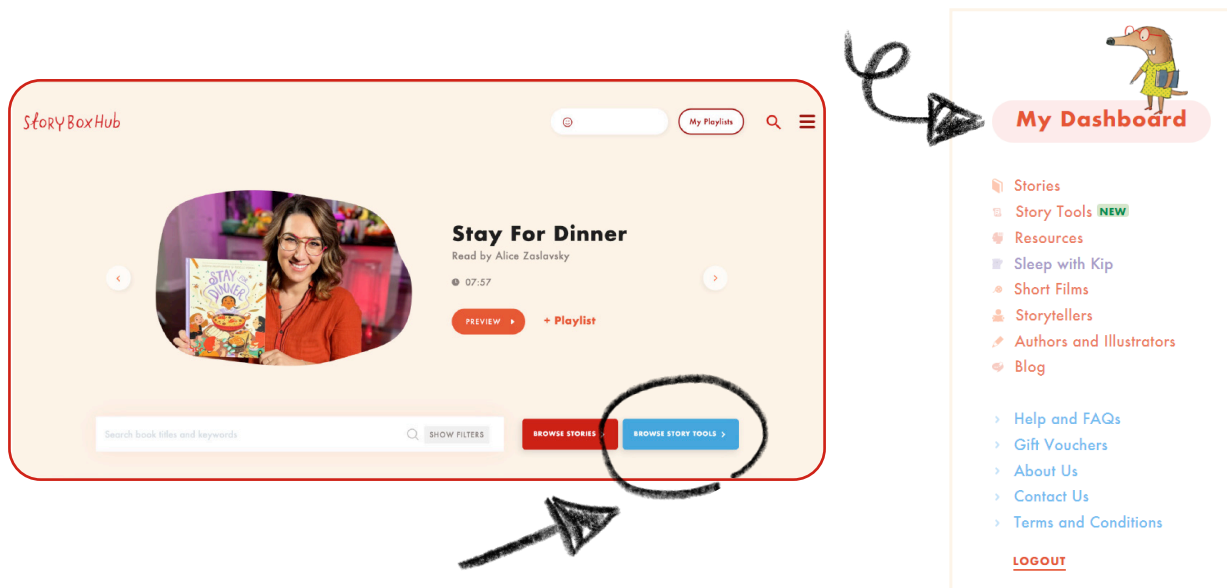**2. Select the Browse Stories tab (in red).**

This page will appear and you can now search and explore your favourite reads by filters including: age group, story length, theme, series, author/illustrator, storyteller, awards, reading challenges and publisher.

To access Story Tools:

1. Sign in using your school credentials (that is, your Viewer log in).

2. Select the Browse Story Tools tab (in blue) to start using.

You can also access Story Tools by using your dashboard on the right-hand side (under Edna!) and selecting Story Tools.

A closer look at Story Tools and the dashboard

After you select Story Tools, a homepage will appear.
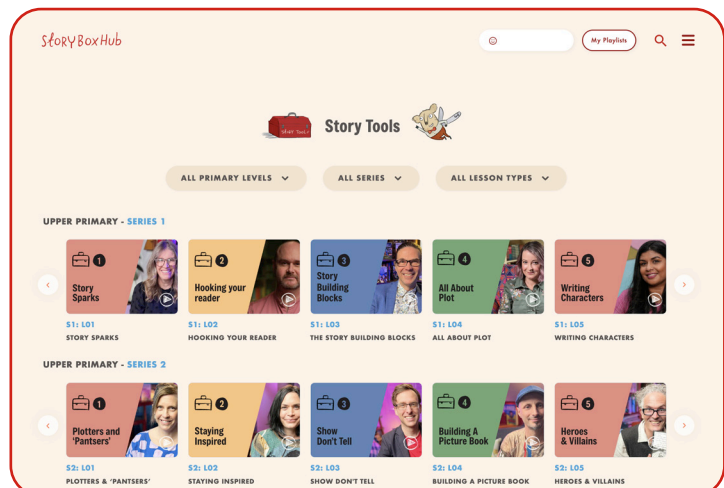
You can search lessons via:
- Primary Level
- Series
- Lesson Type

NOTE:

If you are a **Value subscriber**, you will see 3 lessons available to use. You can, however, preview all other lessons.

If you are a **Premium Subscriber**, you will see all 36 lesson plans in full!

What's in a Story Tools lesson plan?

Click on a lesson plan to access the full suite of materials.

Read about the featured creators

View the lesson description

Access learning intentions, discussion questions and curriculum links
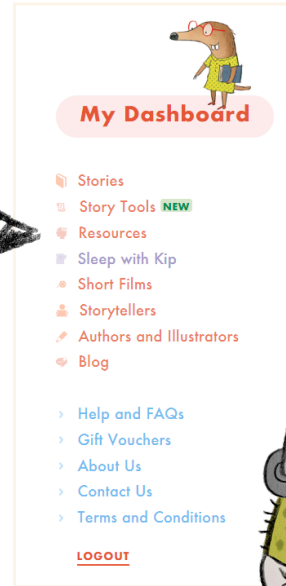
This will take you to our StoryBox Library content

Access all resources including teacher pack, activities, supplementary material and additional activities

Select related lessons

STORY TOOLS / SERIES 1 / UPPER PRIMARY - LESSON 02

▶ PLAY

Hooking your reader

CREATORS
- Lili Wilkinson
- Mat Larkin

RESOURCES

Teacher Pack
PRINTABLE RESOURCE
A step-by-step guide for running the lesson activities with your group.

Activity 1
PRINTABLE RESOURCE
Downloadable worksheets for Activity 1.

Activity 2
PRINTABLE RESOURCE
Downloadable worksheets for Activity 2.

Additional Activities
DIGITAL RESOURCE
Want to explore the topic further? Take a look at these extension ideas.
*Best viewed online.

Reference Materials
DIGITAL RESOURCE
Posters, examples, references and more to help complete the activities.
*Best viewed online.

FOR LIBRARIES
Library Resource Pack
PRINTABLE RESOURCE
Library-focused activity plan, worksheets and resources for this lesson.

UPPER PRIMARY
Hooking Your Reader
SERIES 1 : LESSON 02

Great story openings that keep readers turning the page
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!

Video Chapters:
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
05:40 Here's what we've learned

SHOW LESS

STORY CRAFT   SERIES 1   UPPER PRIMARY

> LEARNING INTENTIONS
> DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
> CURRICULUM LINKS

Related Lessons
- S1: L03 — THE STORY BUILDING BLOCKS — Story Building Blocks
- S1: L04 — ALL ABOUT PLOT — All About Plot
- S2: L01 — PLOTTERS & 'PANTSERS' — Plotters and 'Pantsers'
- S2: L02 — STAYING INSPIRED — Staying Inspired
- S2: L03 — SHOW DON'T TELL — Show Don't Tell

Related Stories

To access our Resources Hub:

1. Sign in to StoryBox Hub and access your dashboard on the right-hand side.

2. Select Resources.

3. You are now in the Resource Hub and can view:

- **Classroom Ideas**
- **Activity Time**
- **Units of Work**
- **Story Response Templates**
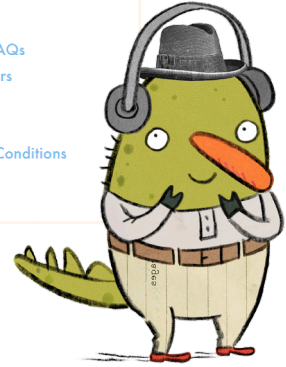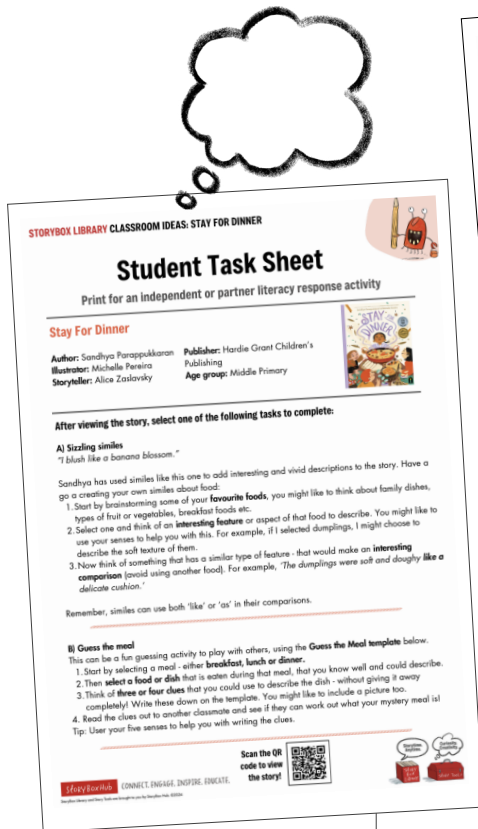- **Professional Developments / Events**
- **Promotional Materials**

My Dashboard

Stories
Story Tools NEW
Resources
Sleep with Kip
Short Films
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› Help and FAQs
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LOGOUT

STORYBOX LIBRARY CLASSROOM IDEAS: THAT BIRD HAS ARMS!

CLASSROOM IDEAS

Reflect and Respond
Discussion prompts and activity ideas for exploring the story further

That Bird Has Arms!
Author: Kate & Jol Temple
Illustrator: Ronojoy Ghosh & Niharika Hukka
Storyteller: Em Rusciano
Publisher: Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
Age group: Middle & Upper Primary
Themes: Identity, Individuality, Acceptance & belonging, Confidence, Inclusion & exclusion, Diversity, Wellbeing, Kindness, Social Media, Heroes
Other learning areas: Health & PE

Discussion prompts:
- Before reading this book, look at the front cover. What can you infer from the title and illustrations about what this story might be about?
- At the start of the story we hear the narrator introducing the main character of the story - Roy, with an illustration showing a blue skyline. Why do you think the creators didn't include a picture of Roy in this scene? Discuss how this helps to build some anticipation and suspense.
- What are some of the unique things that Roy can do that other birds can't do?
- Why do you think Roy started to rebel in the middle of the story? How do you think he was feeling at this stage?
- Can you think of a time when you've felt angry due to feeling alienated or excluded by others?
- Discuss the different types of language in the story, such as the use of informal language for the 'tweets' and direct speech from the birds, and the more traditional language of the third-person narrator.
- Why did Roy decide not to take part in the talent show?
- What makes the illustrations engaging and in some cases, humorous?
- How does Roy's perception of his uniqueness change through out the story?
- What role does social media play in this story? Discuss the positives and negatives.
- Even though the story features a fantastical situation and character, how might the themes within it be relatable to the way we might think and behave?

Story response ideas:
a. **Exploring types of language**
Discuss the different types of language in the story. E.g. dialogue, narrator, social media messages etc. Share the following examples and ask students to see if they can identify whether each one is: a 'tweet' (social media message), direct speech (dialogue) from a bird, or the narrator telling the story:

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STORYBOX LIBRARY CLASSROOM IDEAS: STAY FOR DINNER

Student Task Sheet
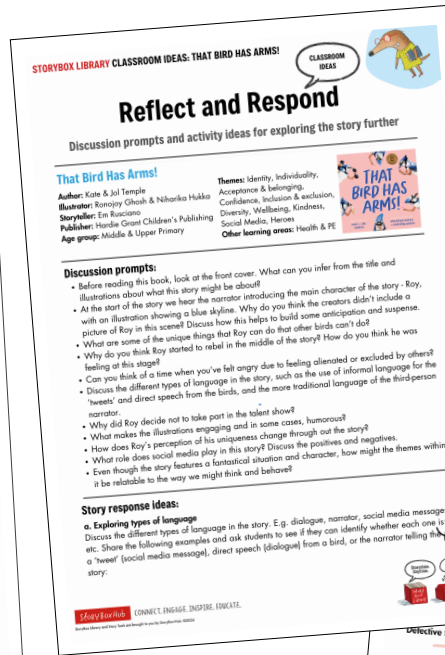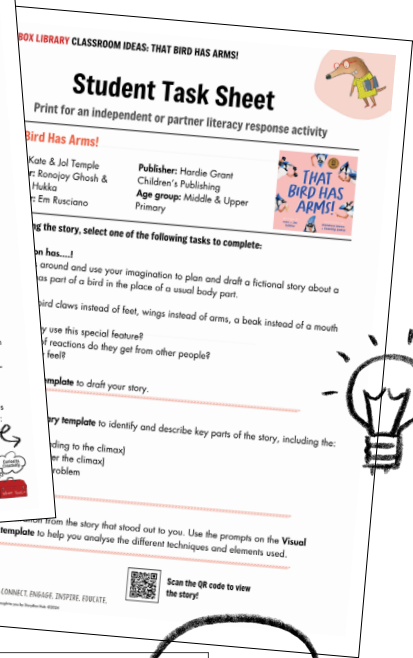Print for an independent or partner literacy response activity

Stay For Dinner
Author: Sandhya Parappukkaran
Illustrator: Michelle Pereira
Storyteller: Alice Zaslavsky
Publisher: Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
Age group: Middle Primary

After viewing the story, select one of the following tasks to complete:

A) Sizzling similes
"I blush like a banana blossom."

Sandhya has used similes like this one to add interesting and vivid descriptions to the story. Have a go a creating your own similes about food:
1. Start by brainstorming some of your **favourite foods**, you might like to think about family dishes, types of fruit or vegetables, breakfast foods etc.
2. Select one and think of an **interesting feature** or aspect of that food to describe. You might like to use your senses to help you with this. For example, if I selected dumplings, I might choose to describe the soft texture of them.
3. Now think of something that has a similar type of feature - that would make an **interesting comparison** (avoid using another food). For example, 'The dumplings were soft and doughy **like a delicate cushion.'**

Remember, similes can use both 'like' or 'as' in their comparisons.

B) Guess the meal
This can be a fun guessing activity to play with others, using the **Guess the Meal template** below.
1. Start by selecting a meal - either **breakfast, lunch or dinner.**
2. Then **select a food or dish** that is eaten during that meal, that you know well and could describe.
3. Think of **three or four clues** that you could use to describe the dish - without giving it away completely! Write these down on the template. You might like to include a picture too.
4. Read the clues out to another classmate and see if they can work out what your mystery meal is!
Tip: User your five senses to help you with writing the clues.

Scan the QR code to view the story!

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Student Task Sheet
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Bird Has Arms!
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Age group: Middle & Upper Primary

g the story, select one of the following tasks to complete:

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around and use your imagination to plan and draft a fictional story about a as part of a bird in the place of a usual body part.
bird claws instead of feet, wings instead of arms, a beak instead of a mouth
they use this special feature?
f reactions do they get from other people?
feel?

template to draft your story.

ry template to identify and describe key parts of the story, including the:
ding to the climax]
er the climax]
problem

on from the story that stood out to you. Use the prompts on the **Visual** template to help you analyse the different techniques and elements used.

Scan the QR code to view the story!

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Story Response Templates

Over 30 templates

Character Profile

Senses Chart

5 W's Template

Author Study

Cinquain Template

Storytime. Anytime.   Curiosity. Creativity.

Integration Options

StoryBox is a resource designed to be shared both within your school community, and outside of the classroom. You can also integrate StoryBox Hub into your school to enhance content accessibility for students and staff.
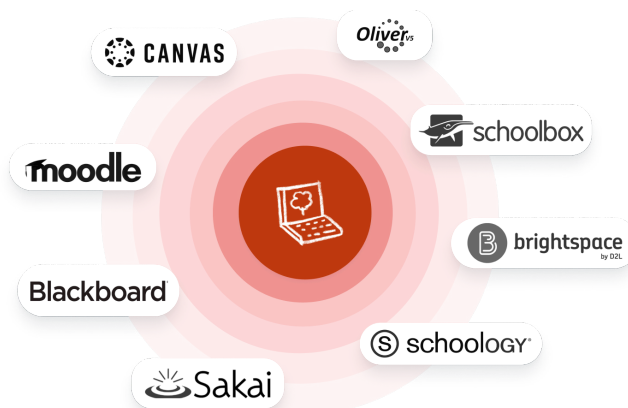
Three ways to integrate StoryBox Hub content

OPTION 1. SAML 2.0 Single Sign-On (SSO) authentication
OPTION 2. Oliver V5 Integration
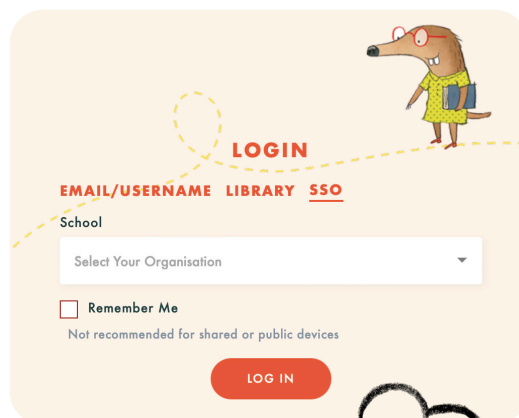**OPTION 3.** LTI integration for Learning Management System (LMS) *** Premium Subscriptions only**

CANVAS · Oliver V5 · schoolbox · moodle · brightspace by D2L · Blackboard · schoology · Sakai

PLEASE NOTE: At the moment it is advised to only set up LTI or SSO, not both. If you have a choice, LMS provides more functionality and options than SSO alone.

1. SAML 2.0 Single Sign-On (SSO) authentication

Benefits of setting up SSO:

- Staff and students can log in with their usual school credentials, eliminating the need for an additional StoryBox Hub login.
- Account Holders gain access to extra statistics.
- SSO users can manage their own personal playlists.
- SSO users can set preferences for default captions and playlist looping.
- We can provide a direct link to your organisation's StoryBox Hub SSO login page.

LOGIN

EMAIL/USERNAME   LIBRARY   SSO

School

Select Your Organisation

☐ Remember Me
Not recommended for shared or public devices

LOG IN

Setting up SSO

Part of the set up will take place in your Identity Provider (IdP) admin portal, and the other part in your StoryBox Hub Account settings. You may need help from your ICT team to complete the process.

Set up steps and terminology may vary depending on your IdP. We recommend checking your IdP's documentation or contacting their support for guidance on adding a new or custom SAML application. We have also updated our FAQs to provide more details on setup for different IdPs.

Click on the links below for set up steps for popular identity providers:

Microsoft Entra ID (Azure) https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/101
OpenAthens: https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/102
Cloudwork by StudentNet: https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/108
OneLogin: https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/107

2. Oliver V5 Integration

If your school uses Softlink's Oliver V5 Library Software you can link your StoryBox Hub subscription. Follow the below steps or contact our technical support team here.

1. Use your Account Holder username and password to log into your StoryBox Hub account settings.

2. Scroll down to Other Account Actions and click Oliver V5 Setup.

3. The default username will be the same as the username for your account - you can leave this as is, or choose a different username if you wish.

4. Click 'Create Oliver V5 Key'.

5. Your Username, Secret Key and School ID will be displayed. Keep this browser tab open while you complete the remaining steps. (Once you close this tab, you cannot view your Secret Key again unless you revoke it and generate a new one.)

6. In a separate browser tab or window, log in to Oliver V5 as an administrator.

7. Navigate to Management > Parameters.

8. Expand 'INTEGRATION'.

9. Scroll down to 'STORY BOX LIBRARY' and expand it.
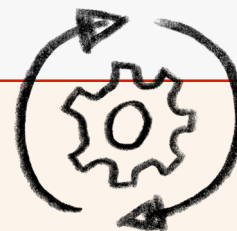
10. Click the pencil icon to enter edit mode.

Oliver V5 Setup

If your school uses Softlink's Oliver V5 Library Software you can link your Story Box Library subscription to find and watch our videos within the Oliver V5 platform. Choose a username and create a secret key below to begin.

Username

Make it something recognisable by you and your team

CREATE OLIVER V5 KEY

11. Fill in the Parameters as follows:

- StoryBox API Username: Copy this from your Story Box Library Oliver 5 settings
- StoryBox API Secret: Copy this from your Story Box Library Oliver 5 settings
- StoryBox API School ID: Copy this from your Story Box Library Oliver 5 settings
- StoryBox API URL: /oliver/
- StoryBox Update Run Frequency: 1

NO.	PARAMETER	VALUE	HELP
7880	Story Box Library API Username		?
7881	Story Box Library API Secret		?
7882	Story Box Library API School ID		?
7883	Story Box Library API URL	https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/oliver/	?
7884	Story Box Library Update Run Frequency	1 months	?

12. Click the save icon.

13. Next navigate to System > Housekeeping.

Enable the processes:

Once these processes are enabled, Oliver V5 will pull StoryBox Library data into the catalogue during overnight housekeeping.
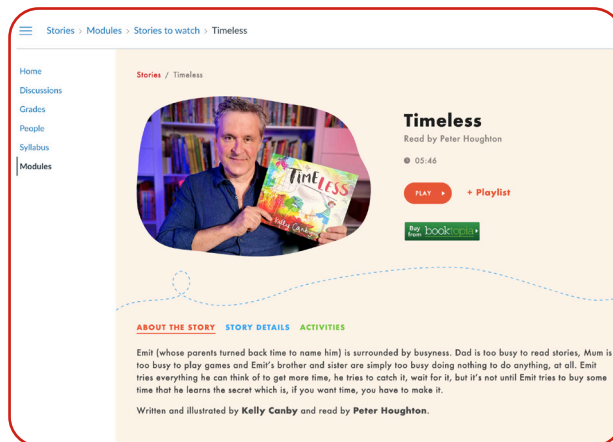
3. LTI integration for our Learning Management System (LMS)

Our Learning Tools Interoperability (LTI) integration for LTI-compliant Learning Management Systems (LMS) is available to subscribers of our School Premium packages. It allows you to incorporate StoryBox Hub content into your LMS without needing to load up our website or app separately.

Part of the set up will happen in your LMS admin settings, the other part will take place in your StoryBox Hub Account Holder settings. You may need assistance from your ICT team to complete the set up.

The set up steps can vary depending on the LMS your organisation is using. It's best to check with your learning management system's documentation or support team for the best way to add a new or custom LTI application to your system, but we are also working on updating our FAQs to include as much information about set up for different LMSs as per the below articles.

Click on the links below for set up steps for popular LMS providers:

Canvas https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/104
Schoolbox https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/106
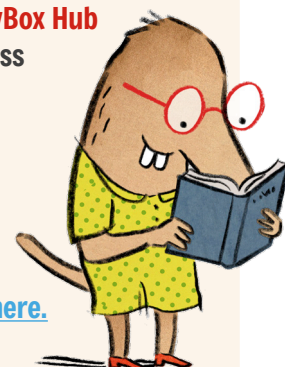**Moodle** https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/105

How to disable your SSO connection:

If you've already set up SSO for your organisation, and wish to switch to LTI, you can disable your SSO connection by:

1. Logging in to your **StoryBox Account Settings** as the **Account Holder**.

2. Scroll down to Other Account Actions on the right hand side and click **Configure SSO details**.

3. Scroll to the bottom of your SSO Details and click the **Delete Details link**.

4. If you have LTI set up, we recommend that you direct your students to **access StoryBox Hub from your LMS** rather than via our website. This is because they won't be able to access their LTI-generated sub account from our login page.

5. At this time, if you want to use both **LTI and our mobile app**, students will need to **log in to our mobile app using your organisation's Viewer Password**.

If you use Library Management System Oliver V5, you can find set up steps here. (You can set up Oliver V5 and LTI, or Oliver V5 and SSO, without issue.)

Frequently Asked Questions

Explore some FAQs below or contact us directly for support.

How do I set up LTI integration for our Learning Management System (LMS)?
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/103

How to set up SAML SSO:
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/96

How to set up integration for Oliver V5:
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/92

Can I embed stories in my Learning Management System (LMS) via Oliver V5?
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/95

How to hide/block stories:
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/75

How to change my password:
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/59

How to change playback speed:
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/67

How to report an issue:
https://storyboxhub.com/report-an-issue

Troubleshooting tips:
https://storyboxhub.com/faqs/51

How do I contact the Support Team?
Email the Support Team here

Security Considerations

If your school uses any security or content filtering software, please ask your school IT team to whitelist these domains:

- storyboxhub.com
- *.storyboxhub.com
- *.jwpcdn.com
- *.jwplayer.com
- *.jwplatform.com
- *.jwpltx.com
- *.jwpsrv.com
- *.mux.com
- videos-fms.jwpsrv.com
- videos-cloudflare.jwpsrv.com

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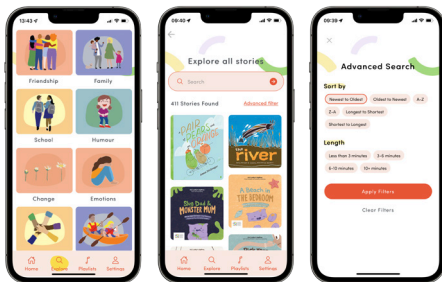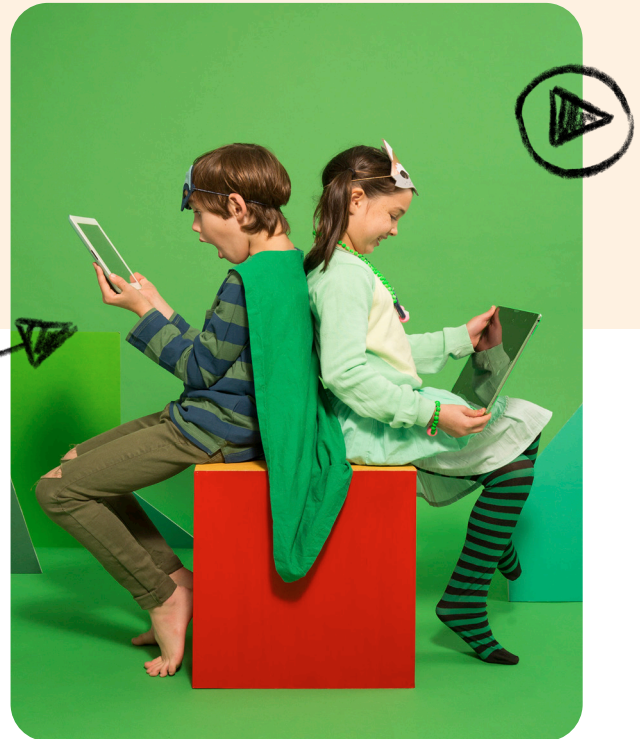
It's Storytime.
Anytime, Anywhere!

Enjoying and sharing stories within your school community is now easier than ever.

Sharing logins with the community

StoryBox is a resource designed to be shared both within your school community, and outside of the classroom.

Share your Viewer log-in details with your parents and carers so they can access the platform at home using their own device.

Download the StoryBox App Today!

Free to download onto Apple and Android devices, your StoryBox app makes digital learning accessible anytime, anywhere!

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

Keeping your school community engaged with StoryBox!

Stay up to date on new story releases and upcoming events. Sign up to the StoryBox newsletter here.

TIP! Use this letter to promote StoryBox in your school newsletter!

Contact Us

We're committed to delivering a positive experience to our users by delivering high-quality, fun and educational digital content designed to enhance language and literacy skills through storytelling and creativity. We hope this User Guide has covered your questions and helps you navigate the features and functions of StoryBox.

For further technical support or guidance, please contact our team here.

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