

# **About Story Box Library**

Watch celebrated children's stories read aloud by favourite Australian and New Zealand storytellers on Story Box Library (SBL). As a trusted, safe and ad-free online platform and educational resource, stories are read aloud by dynamic storytellers and available to watch on any device with internet capabilities.

# Expanding library of curated and diverse stories

With 24/7 access tertiary faculty, staff and students get access to high-quality stories with one SBL subscription. Featuring rich vocabulary, text structures and language devices in our growing library collection with hundreds of stories, which suit children of various ages and abilities, from preschool through to upper primary years. Storytellers are chosen to ensure a broad range of voices, ages, gender and backgrounds are represented, and children can immerse themselves in a magical storytelling world with relatable characters and narratives, expanding their understanding of the world.

"Students really enjoyed engaging with Storybox. The fact that the books there have been carefully selected and are engagingly read has helped them in learning to recognise the indicators of quality children's literature. Now that there are so many online read aloud resources, of varying qualities in terms of the literature, reader's skills and video/sound quality, means that we have a high quality online resource to direct students to." - Amanda Niland, early childhood program director and lecturer at the University of Sydney.



# RESOURCES TO ENGAGE FUTURE EDUCATORS AND PROFESSIONALS

# Using Story Box Library to enhance learning and inspire young minds

SBL's online platform streams high-quality content onto any digital device, saving time in the classroom and supporting children's educational needs.

Ready-made educational resources, such as themed **Units of Work** and individual story lesson plans, are available, promoting a creative approach to learning. Engaging story reads provide audio-visual and social development support, and especially for children learning English as an additional or secondary language (EAL), or who have specific learning disorders (SLDs), each story also includes closed captions, assisting with language and vocabulary learning. Focusing on a range of topics and running between 1-10 minutes, our **Short Films** can also be used to bolster meaningful learning engagement in the classroom or home, or as further stimuli for inquiry.

As a facilitator for discussion or a read-aloud model, it is a key resource to expose children and students of all ages to innovative media incorporating print and digital, story reads and animation. Complete MARC data is also available for our entire collection, making stories easy to find in your library catalogue, and improving access for your users.



# Expert-designed resources linked to standard Australian curriculum learning areas:

- Use SBL stories as a springboard to discuss writing techniques, language and visual literacy with students.
- Ready-made Units of Work, Reflect and Respond Task Sheets, **Graphic Organisers and Thinking Tools** offer countless opportunities for further exploration and learning.
- Short Films delve into universal topics such as identity, culture, meanings behind a story or how a story was created, and **Activity Time** inspires further understanding of story themes and engagement at home.
- Supporting diversity and inclusion, our growing collection also includes the **First Nations' Stories** series, helping children understand the rich stories, culture and identities of First Nations people.
- A growing collection of story releases in **Auslan**, as part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring all children have access to a world of stories.



# ASSISTING PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS TO USE HIGH IMPACT TEACHING STRATEGIES (HITS).



## Improving the future of early childhood education using Story Box Library:

- Faculty and students can access quality stories and educational resources, whether on campus or remotely, on any device with Internet access.
- Assisting pre-service teachers in meeting **Australian Professional Standards for Teachers**, SBL supports selecting and using resources, literacy strategies, information and communication technology, engaging parents and carers in the educative process.
- The digital platform can also be used by pre-service teachers to assist in employing High Impact Teaching Strategies (HITS) such as Multiple Exposures, Differentiated Teaching and Metacognitive Strategies.
- Saving time in the classroom, SBL's digital platform enables educators to find stories to suit any unit of curriculum or theme, while our playlist feature allows users to curate personalised story lists.

We seek licence rights to use all books in our collection from publishers and rights holders, in compliance with Australian licensing legislation. A significant portion of subscription fees is used to pay ongoing copyright fees which support Australian and New Zealand authors, illustrators, creatives, and the wider publishing industry.

# The StoryBox app is here!



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# SBL as a resource for children with Specific Learning Disorders (SLDs):

- SBL's **multimodal media** format engages children who seek visual and audio stimuli or those who are interested in technology.
- **Closed captions** provide a visual tool, allowing children to follow along with the story and alleviating difficulties associated with reading, spelling, word recognition, comprehension and focus.
- Playback speed can be adjusted to assist children in following along with the story.
- The **playlist function** allows for tracking and recording children's favourite stories, which can be used as a motivator or to engage children through personal interests.
- Accompanying **themed Units of Work and individual story lesson plans** can be used to encourage children to make connections with the text before and after viewing the stories.
- The collection of stories and assembly of storytellers provide a **diverse representation** of themes and individuals, including characters facing physical, mental, emotional and social challenges, presenting opportunities for all children to engage and connect with the stories.
- At home access provides children with the opportunity to further engage with stories with the support and participation of professionals, such as occupational and speech therapists, parents, caregivers and siblings.



SPECIFIC LEARNING DISORDERS (SLDs) AND ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL OR SECONDARY LANGUAGE (EAL) RESOURCE.

#### SBL as a resource for children learning English as an Additional or Secondary Language (EAL):

- Story Box Library provides visual and audio support for the learning of English. Storytellers also
  model volume, tone, pace, facial expressions and body language, in addition to music and
  sound effects.
- Closed captions support students learning EAL, allowing them to follow along with a text being read aloud by our storytellers.
- Many of the stories feature minimal text, repetition, rhyme and high-frequency words.
- Stories come with carefully tailored themed Units of Work and lesson plans that are aligned with the Australian Curriculum, supporting educators to help students make connections with the text before and after viewing the stories to help with understanding and comprehension.





Keeping traditional storytelling alive in a digital world, Story Box Library helps inspire young minds, and continue nurturing a love of learning and literacy. With a 30-day free trial, your entire faculty and staff can get access to a world of stories with just one login.

## How to sign-up to your 30-day free trial:

Visit <u>storyboxlibrary.com.au/subscriptions/academic</u> and complete the online form. Upon trial confirmation, you will receive log in details, which you can share with colleagues.

Helping you make the most of SBL's expansive digital platform and educational resource, and connecting you to a global network of educators, librarians and professionals, we will be sending you best-practice tips during your free trial.

# N.B. The 30-day trial is obligation-free and you do not need to opt out.

Pricing for a 12-month subscription to SBL is dependent upon the FTE of your entire tertiary institution, or a select school of study.

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