









ALL A BOUT STORY BOX LIBRARY

What is Story Box Library?

The best place to watch celebrated stories read aloud by favourite Australian and New Zealand storytellers. Story Box Library (SBL) is a subscription based, trusted and safe online educational resource created for children and enjoyed by teachers, students and families around the world.



A growing library of thoughtfully-curated and diverse stories:

Using SBL will ensure students frequently encounter quality stories with rich vocabulary, text structures and language devices. With an ever-growing library of stories, finding a story to engage every child, regardless of age, ability or background, is made easy.

How does Story Box Library work?

SBL streams ad-free content directly into the classroom on any device with Internet connection. Use it as a facilitator for discussion, a read aloud model in the classroom or at home.

Why was Story Box Library created?

- To deliver the precious read-aloud storytelling experience to children.
- To engage children with stories and voices, helping them to make personal connections to their world.
- To develop vital language and literacy skills.
- To combat endless online searching for quality literacy resources.
- To get kids excited about reading and let imaginations fly!

Are stories added regularly?

Yes! 30–40 carefully curated, thought-provoking and engaging stories are added each year.

Who are your storytellers?

A diverse range of actors, comedians, sportspeople, musicians, authors, illustrators, TV presenters, performers, activists and educators – each sharing their unique voice.

"The [Story Box Library] stories are amazing for speaking and listening as the students get to hear different voices, accents and genders. The closed captions mean we can also incorporate on-screen reading with the words on the screen, making it even more invaluable as an EAL teaching resource. Even for kids with close to zero English, they can still hear and follow the pictures. I just love it, I really do." Elsa, Primary EAL Teacher



THE BENEFITS AND FEATURES

What makes SBL a good resource for your school?

- Our ever-growing library contains over 450 stories.
- Our storytellers are chosen to ensure a broad range of voices, ages, gender and backgrounds to ensure diversity.
- Digital delivery means students can access quality stories from school and home on any device with Internet access.
- With the aim of creating an immersive storytelling experience, we pair each story with a complimentary storyteller and location, and maintain a strong focus on quality video, sound and image.
- We licence rights to use the books in our collection from publishers and rights holders and a significant portion of subscription fees is used to pay ongoing copyright fees that support creators and, in turn, the ANZ publishing industry.
- Closed captions are available for each story.
- Each story is accompanied by curriculum-linked resources and creative activity ideas.
- Search by age-group, theme, author/illustrator, storyteller and duration using our search filters.
- Use our playlist feature to curate personalised lists of stories specific to the interest or needs of students.

"I love the way the site has been put together – bright, colourful, fun and easy to navigate. Plus Australian books are under-represented in many international school libraries, and as an Australian teacher librarian I want to spread the word about our fantastic Aussie authors and illustrators as much and as widely as I can!"

Kerry, Renaissance International School, Saigon, Vietnam.



Support for the teaching and learning of EAL (ESOL)

- Story Box Library provides visual and audio support for the learning of English. Storytellers also model volume, tone, pace, facial expressions and body language.
- Closed captions support students learning English as an Additional Language (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.
- Each story comes with tailored Classroom Ideas and/or Activity Time 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.

"Our multi-cultured families have been very positive about using SBL and it is so simple to use that once the EC children have learnt the basics they can use independently." Julie, ELC Teacher Librarian, International School of Amsterdam, Netherlands

"Being able to listen to stories read by articulate and entertaining native English speakers exposes students in an international setting to expression, fluency and good reading cues students should strive to develop."

Grade 3 Teacher, Australian Independent School of Bali, Indonesia.

3 SIMPLE STEPS TO TRIAL FOR FREE!

We love stories!

Our resource keeps traditional storytelling alive in a digital world, with storytellers modelling audio and visual aspects of reading and storytelling, including volume, tone, pace, facial expressions and body language and the addition of music, sound effects and closed captions to offer visual and audio support. SBL is committed to showcasing the power of stories as tools to help us communicate, connect, learn, empathise, analyse, evaluate and grow, and to provoke curiosity, discussion, imagination, play and inspiration.

"Story Box Library has provided the children at our school with a fantastic bookshelf of wonderful storytelling. Most of our students speak English as a second or other language. Having access to Story Box Library during this time of uncertainty means that the students can listen and enjoy stories in English and continue to broaden their speaking vocabulary as if they were hearing these stories in the classroom.

Helen Gardener, St Mark's Catholic Primary School, Inala



THREE SIMPLE STEPS TO TRIAL STORY BOX LIBRARY FOR FREE!

- 1. Visit <u>www.storyboxlibrary.com.au/subscriptions</u> and complete the online form to set up a free 30 day trial for your school.
- 2. Share trial information with colleagues.
- You will be contacted throughout your trial with tips to help you get the most out of your Story Box Library trial and at the end of your trial we will send information about signing up for a 12 month subscription.

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

PRICING

- Pricing is dependant upon the number of students at your school, find out more here.
- Subscriptions are for 12 months from date of acceptance.
- Please contact us for a price quote for your school.

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