



STORY BOX LIBRARY FOR FAMILIES



## What is Story Box Library?

The best place to watch celebrated stories read aloud by our favourite storytellers. *It's storytime, anytime!*

## How does Story Box Library work?

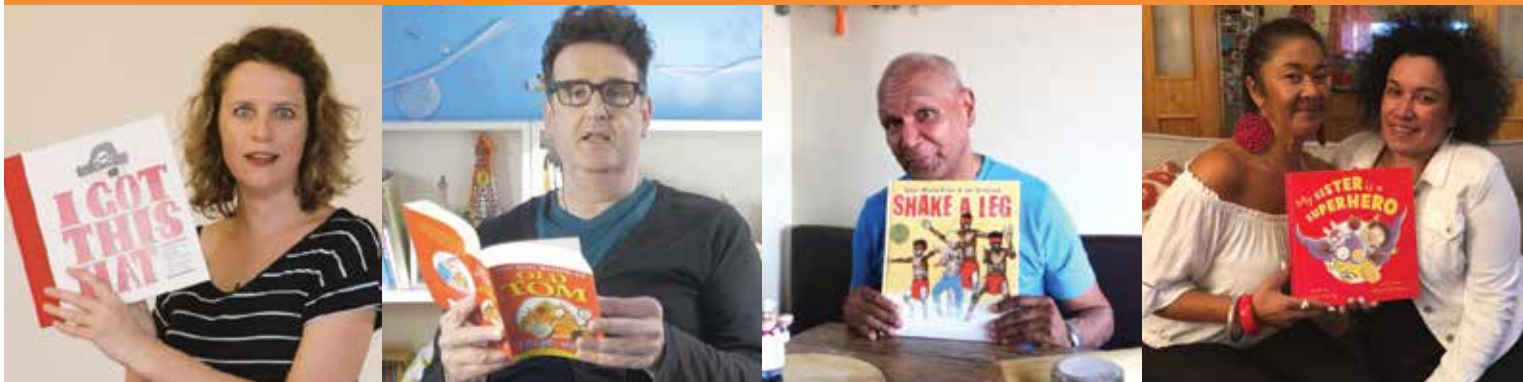
Story Box Library streams ad-free content directly on any device with Internet connection.

## Why was Story Box Library created?

- To deliver the precious experience of being read aloud to.
- To engage children with stories and voices in order to make personal connections.
- To develop vital language and literacy skills.
- 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 range of actors, comedians, sportspeople, musicians, authors, illustrators, TV presenters, performers, students, grandparents, activists and educators – each sharing their unique voice.

## Who is Story Box Library recommended for?

Story Box Library is a fantastic resource for pre-school through to upper primary years. *Stories never get old!*

“Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.”

Mem Fox, Author and Literacy Advocate



## What are the Story Box Library uses and benefits for families?

Story Box Library is a fun, entertaining, and educational resource for children.

- Subscribers can easily log-on to the Story Box Library from any device (computer, laptop, smart phone or tablet), making it a convenient way to view stories anytime and anywhere.
- Quality Australian stories, often aligned with the Australian Curriculum, are chosen for our library and are presented with humour and the right tone.
- Exposes children to a variety of Australian faces and voices, with diverse cultural and professional backgrounds.
- Models a wide range of storytelling techniques for parents and children, such as tone, pace, pause, and the use of facial expressions and body language.
- Oral stories are important for language and reading development. Parents can use Story Box Library as a back-up. They never need to miss out on a story, even when feeling unwell, tired, busy or when you are away.
- Regular viewing of our stories can help children develop listening and concentration skills.
- Provides another storytelling option for children who find reading difficult or for children who are otherwise disengaged from books and stories.
- Encourages and assists young families in engaging with the stories through 'At Home' activity ideas based on play and art.



- Simple to use and prepares children for the digital age.
- With no advertisements, Story Box Library is a safe form of technology for pre-school and primary aged children.
- Recorded in real time and does not include animation, making it an age-appropriate technology resource for young minds.
- Inspires young writers and filmmakers to rehearse and record their own storytelling segments.
- Option to turn closed captions on/off.
- Includes a range of short films featuring authors and illustrators, *inspiring young minds* about the creative process.

“ While nothing beats snuggling up in our rocking chair and reading a book together, the Story Box Library is a great way to build on the love of books and spend some quality time together. Educational TV at its best!”

*The Baby Vine*

# Why Is Reading Aloud So Important?

Reading aloud to children, in particular by diverse and engaging storytellers, greatly improves language and literacy skills, especially in the early years of a child's development. Studies show that many children are not read to frequently enough.

Story Box Library is committed to supporting and encouraging the practice of storytelling. It is intended for use as a complimentary form of delivering the precious experience of being read aloud to, in order to improve children's lives. Of equal importance is our intention to get kids excited about reading, and to let them have some fun with stories.



## Subscriptions

Story Box Library can be accessed free using the library barcode of participating public libraries. Visit [storyboxlibrary.com.au/libraries](http://storyboxlibrary.com.au/libraries) to see if your library subscribes and/or log on.

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