

HOME LEARNING AND READING

Here is a selection of great resources you can access to keep the entire family engaged with books and storytelling. Providing plentiful opportunities to read for pleasure, listen to stories, interact, engage and escape into the wonderful world of books. Click on the icons to take you directly to each resource.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

While most public libraries are currently closed, you can still access their collection of eBooks, audiobooks and other online resources. If you're not already a member, you can easily join online. Two fabulous libraries in our area are Willoughby and Lane Cove libraries. Members of these libraries also have access to The State Library of NSW online resources!



STORY BOX LIBRARY

Story Box can be accessed from home. They are offering a 30 day free subscription for families. It offers a fabulous collection of favourite stories read by our best storytellers. Most stories also come with fun and engaging at home activities you can do as a family after reading.



INSTAGRAM STORYTIMES

A growing number of authors, illustrators and celebrities are sharing videos of themselves reading stories. Search hashtags such as

#OperationStorytime

#SAVEWITHSTORIES #stayathomestorytime

AUDIOBOOKS

In addition to accessing free audiobooks through public libraries, check out these two options.

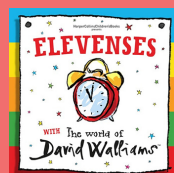


Audible is offering a range of free audiobooks from their platform. While the range is currently limited, it offers a place to start. They also offer a free 30 day trial if you're keen to check out their full range.

STORYLINE ONLINE



Storyline Online is an extensive collection of well-known stories read by celebrated actors.



The world of David Walliams is releasing an audio story from The World's Worst Children every day for the next 30 days, read by the amazing man himself!

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APPS

Here is a collection of reading and storytime apps. Most are free or currently offering free access.



Novel Effect makes storytime even more more fun! As you read out loud from print books (or eBooks) music, sound effects and character voices play at just the right moment, adjusting and responding to the reader's voice.



Vooks is a kid-safe, ad-free streaming library of read-aloud animated storybooks. Every Vooks title is specifically crafted to make screen time better - from the pacing and animation, to the read along format - it's screen time you can feel good about!



Epic is a digital library for kids with access to over 40 000 books. Currently offering free remote student access by invitation through our school account. Email Mrs Martin if you would like access.



AUDIOPLAY lets kids step into the story and play out the action - in real life! Using simple household items, kids build imaginary story worlds. Stories come to life with music, sound effects and character voices, making kids feel like they are inside the story. It offers screen-free entertainment that encourages movement, imagination and teamwork.

PODCASTS

There are some fabulous podcasts for kids out there. Remember, listening is reading too! Like with audiobooks, they also offer some much needed screen-free time. There are SO many, but some favourites include:



The Squiz Kids is a news podcast for 8-12 year olds.



One More Page is for lovers of kids' books -both adults and kids alike!



Inspiring true tales of some of Australia's most extraordinary women.



Collection of short stories to keep little and big ones engaged.



A bedtime show for kids of all ages.



Fabulous storytelling podcast.



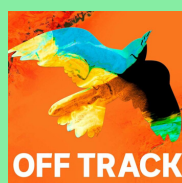
The Story Pirates is a group of talented performers who adapt stories written by kids into sketch comedy and musical theatre.



The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel is a podcast for upper primary, performed by kids. Fun, high-quality mystery best described as Goonies meets Spy Kids meets Stranger Things for 8-12 year olds.



Fast-paced and fun-filled ethics podcast for kids and their parents, with questions and ideas to really get you thinking.



While this podcast is not specifically for kids, it can be enjoyed by the whole family. Combines the relaxing sounds of nature with awesome stories of wildlife and environmental science, all recorded in the outdoors. Perfect for when you can't get outside as much as you would like!