Storytelling resources


Story time is a great way to get children interested in sharing books, singing songs and learning about language. To help provide a fun and engaging experience, State Library provides a range of storytelling resources to entertain children. Storytelling resources are available to all Queensland public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres.

There are more than 300 storytelling resources which include kits of books on a theme, felt stories, puppets and other props such as soft toys and hats. Combine stories with an activity, song or similar stories on a related theme to help children match the word and picture to the real object. Dynamic storytelling facilitates adult-child interaction, pre-literacy support and communication development.

Access

Browse the full collection on the RLQ catalogue or complete the online form.

2. Make the following selections:
   - **Search**: use storytelling kit
   - **Locations**: limit to: Public Library Services (PLS)
   - **Item formats**: select “Junior storytelling kit”
   - **Availability**: Select “On-shelf”
3. Browse the list of available titles in the catalogue. Reserve a title and it will be sent to your library.
4. Use them for storytelling in the library OR for any library member to borrow.
View

- Use the catalogue as above, OR
- browse the following descriptions:

**BIG BOOKS**

- Oversized books (Suitable for reading to a group. Dimensions around 35cm x 42cm or 48cm x 35cm).
- Search “big book” in the RLQ catalogue.

**KITS**

Use for a group activity or use for a themed display.

- **5-9 BOOKS ON A THEME** – Themes include:
  - Australian animals, Babies, Beach, Bedtime, Birds, Birds & ducks, Bullying, Christmas, Circus, Clothes & getting dressed, Colours, Confidence, Cooking, Coping with loss, Counting & numbers, Cowboys & cowgirls, Dads, Dance, Dinosaurs, Ducks, Easter, Families, Farm & farmyard, Fathers & grandfathers, Father’s day, Friends, Halloween, Happy birthday, Indigenous stories, Kisses, Machines, Me, myself & I, Monsters, Mother’s day, Multicultural stories, Nursery rhymes, Opposites, Park / playground, Pirates, Potty time, Sharing, Sick / hospital, Space, Time, Tooth fairy, Touch & feel, Trains, Transport, Zoo.

- **BOOKS ON A THEME PLUS PUPPET, SOFT TOY OR PROP** – Suitable for small groups or individual play. [*Contain felt pieces – separate felt board required]. Themes include:
• **FELT BOARD & FELT PIECES** – Note, these kits do not include a book
  - Aquatic life, Dancing ballerina, Dinosaurs, Fun in the sun, Learn to count, Mister face, Outer space, Party, People of the world, Princess castle, Safari, Train, Zoo

• **INDIVIDUAL STORY BOOKS WITH A PUPPET, SOFT TOY OR PROP** - Suitable for small groups or individual play
  - All I want for Christmas..., Bertie & the bear, Jeremy [kookaburra], Mrs Honey’s hat, No matter what, Owl babies, Rabbits don’t lay eggs, Spot, The storm whale, The very cranky bear, The very hungry caterpillar.

**PUPPETS**

Team puppets with a big book, an individual favourite title or a set of books in a storytelling kit.

- **AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS** (Echidna, Kangaroo, Koala, Numbat, Platypus, Possum, Tasmanian Devil)
- **AUSTRALIAN BIRDS** (Galah, Kookaburra, Parrot)
- **FARM ANIMALS** (Cow, Horse, Mouse, Pig) - Suitable for Old MacDonald’s Farm
- **HORSE**
- **INDIGENOUS MAN & WOMAN**
- **LARGE LAP-SIT PUPPETS** (Boy, Girl, Wizard)
- **MEXICAN CHARACTER**
- **WOLF** (Suitable for Red Riding Hood)

**TOOLS**

Request via the RLQ catalogue

- **BADGEMAKING KIT**
- **BLACKBOARD**
- **CHRISTMAS ADVENT CALENDAR**
- **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY SCENE**
- **EASEL**
- FABRIC LENGTHS – Suitable for displays or background colour (Solid cotton colours – yellow, grey, black), (Patterned cotton – frog & pond), (Solid satin colours – hot pink, forest green)
- FELT BOARD
- MAGNETIC BOARD
- PARACHUTE

Note: The details about the resources listed above may change. Check the catalogue for up to date information.

Loan and despatch queries contact plc@slq.qld.gov.au


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