

STORYTELLING RESOURCES

Need help with activity ideas? eBook available via Google books: - [Practical puppetry A-Z A Guide for Librarians and Teachers](#) By Carol R. Exner (2005)

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, SLQ provides a range of storytelling resources to entertain children. Storytelling resources are available to all Queensland public libraries. Libraries can use them for storytelling or lend them to any library member.

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.

Browse the full collection on the [RLQ catalogue](#) or complete the [online form](#). Descriptions of the resources follow:

BIG BOOKS

- Oversized books (Suitable for reading to a group. Dimensions around 35cm x 42cm or 48cm x 35cm). Search “big book” *anywhere* 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:
 - Bears, Birds & ducks, Brothers & sisters, Cats, Dance*, Dinosaurs, Doctors, Dogs, Echidna, Elephants*, Emu, Fairies, Farm & farmyard, Food & eating, Friends, Frogs, Grasshopper, Halloween, Horses, Indigenous stories [with dugong and girl soft toys], Insects, Kings & queens, Knights, Ladybirds, Monkeys & gorillas, Multicultural, My house, Nursery rhymes, Ocean life, Penguins, Possums, Wild animals, Zoo.
- **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.

Contact SLQ Public Library Development with any queries pld@slq.qld.gov.au

RLQ catalogue: <http://www.auroracloud.com.au/OPAC/QPIL/>