

# Storyline Online

Disclaimer: [ASEPA](#) (Australian Special Education Principals Association) have joined together with UK-based nasen ([National Association for Special Educational Needs](#)) to work in partnership to crowd-source free resources that may be useful in supporting children with complex and/or additional learning needs.

## Who is this resource for?

This is a teaching and learning resource for parents and teachers of students K-4. It includes activities to support literacy learning and the themes of stories read. The quality texts are read by celebrities. Readers include Viola Davis, Chris Pine, Lily Tomlin, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening, James Earl Jones and Betty White.

## Purpose of the resource:

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation's award-winning children's literacy website, Storyline Online, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations.

Reading aloud to children has been shown to improve reading, writing and communication skills, logical thinking and concentration, and general academic aptitude, as well as inspire a lifelong love of reading. Teachers use Storyline Online in their classrooms, and doctors and nurses play Storyline Online in children's hospitals.

Storyline Online is available 24 hours a day for children, parents, caregivers and educators worldwide. Each book includes supplemental curriculum developed by an educator, aiming to strengthen comprehension and verbal and written skills for English-language learners.

## Setting up:

1. Access via <https://www.storylineonline.net/>
2. Free site. Accessing the website allows access to all the videos. They do request donations to support SAG-AFTRA foundation (The Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.) - not necessary to view the site's content.

## Navigation:

Home page – navigation bar



- **All Books** -to browse the book list.
- **About us** – gives an overview of the SAG-AFTRA Foundation.
- **Blog** – link to a blog which highlights video readings that support a particular day of the year eg National Spaghetti Day or Sherlock Holmes’s birthday.
- **Subscribe** – email needed to subscribe to a newsletter.
- **Search** – for a general theme or particular book or author.
- **Donate** – a link to donate to the Foundation - not necessary to view the site’s content.

### Library: sample



Each book is listed like the example.

With Teacher/Parent Activity guides and a link to purchase the book from an online bookstore.

## How can my child use this resource?

As parents of students who may have additional learning and support needs or disabilities, you may need some help to make all of this technology work for your child. Below is a link to some 'How to Videos' to support parents with making it easier to work online.

The screen shot shows what you will see when you click on the link.



<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/disability-learning-and-support/resources/assistive-technology#How-to5>

## Tips for parents and carers

All books have a **Teacher Activity Guide**. The purpose of this guide is to enhance the curriculum by providing quality children's literature to engage students in listening to expressive read alouds. Suggested story related activities are aligned with ELA Common Core Standards. (English Language Arts Standards – for literacy across all states in USA)

**Teacher Activity Guide:** Written in teacher language but may give some idea of activities to support the reading of the text. Has before reading, during reading and after reading discussion prompts although these are more suited to group classroom activity. Also includes activities from other KLAs such as science, art/craft or mathematics.

Many books have a **Parent Activity Guide**, as well. The purpose of this guide is to engage children and adults in learning activities at home after reading or viewing the story together. The activities are great ideas for grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles, older siblings and babysitters to enjoy with children! They include science, cooking, art / craft, Mathematics and physical activities.