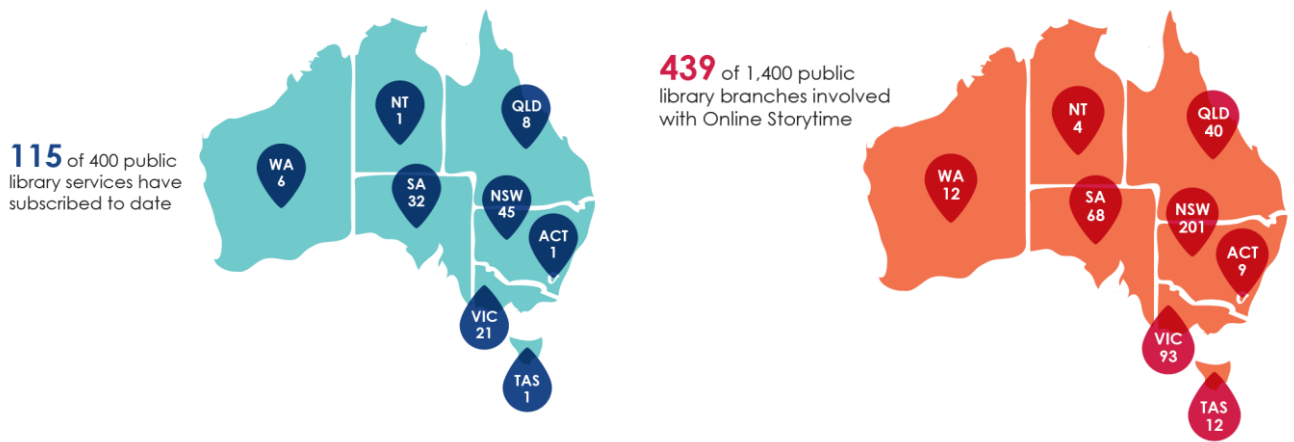




## Online Storytime – Report for January-March 2021

This is the report for the first quarter of 2021 showing how the pilot program is going. Your support for this program has created sales of books, not to mention promoting Australian books and literacy as little kids across the country access Online Storytime through public libraries' online platforms.

### Online Storytime take up



These **115 library services** comprise **439 branches**

out of a national total of  
**1,400**



This means there will be at least



**306** publishers,  
authors and illustrators



**205**  
titles on offer

## Survey results

A survey was sent out to the **115 library services** that have signed up, representing **439 local branches** from across the country. We received responses from 109 library services for this report.



**298** recordings with **17,435** views

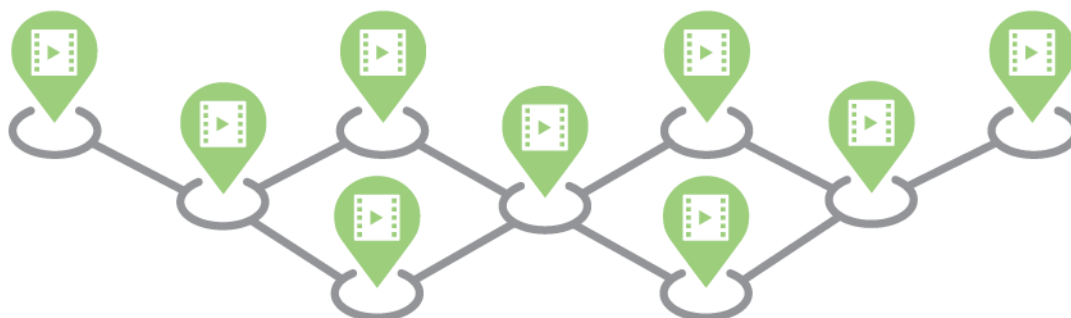


A total of **298** recordings have so far been created, with, from available figures, **17,435** views (noting that a number of libraries have not provided this statistic). The recordings have been uploaded to various platforms:

- 141 on Facebook
- 65 on Instagram
- 67 on YouTube
- 17 on the libraries' websites
- 8 on Vimeo

As a result of the program, **965** books have been purchased by library branches so far, with every publisher selling at least one copy of every title made available through the program. The publisher with the greatest sales resulting from the program has sold **226** copies of their titles on the list. This is a very welcome result for authors and publishers.

## 159 local branches from 44 library services have recorded and uploaded videos



Among the respondents to the survey, **159 local branches** from **44 library services** have recorded and uploaded videos. **247 local branches in 68 library services** have yet to start recording or uploading videos for various reasons including the easing of the COVID-19 situation, which has allowed them to continue running physical events and meant less staff time for recordings. However, many libraries are planning to start recording soon while **37 local branches in 13 library services** of those that haven't yet made recordings have purchased titles, so they have resources ready when they start.

We have received some feedback from a few libraries expressing the wish to see more titles on the list, in order for them to find the most suitable Online Storytime books for their users.

Here is a selection of comments from participating libraries:

*We thank everyone for making this opportunity available so that we can continue to offer online services. (from a library in SA)*

*We are so appreciative to have this program, thanks to everyone involved. (from a library in VIC)*

*We have organised to work with Deaf CanDo services and some titles will also have an AUSLAN interpreter. (from a library in SA)*

*Although we haven't used any of the stories in Online Storytime yet, at present we are running in-person storytimes and online 'rhyme times'. I think it is a great initiative by ALIA and am impressed to see the list of books growing and Online Storytime continuing. (from a library in VIC)*

*We love being able to connect to our patrons and their families through stories, thank you for being a part of the team that makes this happen. (from a library in VIC)*

## LIBRARY SERVICES THAT HAVE SIGNED UP

### ACT

Libraries ACT

### NSW

Albury  
Bathurst  
Blacktown  
Blue Mountains  
Camden  
Campbelltown  
Canada Bay  
Canterbury  
Bankstown  
Central Coast  
Clarence Regional  
Library  
Coffs Harbour  
Coolamon  
Cootamundra  
Gundagai  
Cumberland  
Greater Hume  
Inverell Shire  
Junee  
Kempsey  
Lachlan Shire  
Lane Cove  
Leeton Shire  
Liverpool  
Macquarie  
Regional Library  
Maitland  
Mid Western  
Newcastle  
North Sydney

North Western

Library  
Northern Beaches  
Port Macquarie-  
Hastings  
Port Stephens  
Queanbeyan  
Palerang  
Richmond Tweed  
Shellharbour  
Shoalhaven  
Snowy Monaro  
Snowy Valleys  
Strathfield  
Sydney  
Tamworth  
Upper Hunter  
Wagga Wagga  
Wentworth Shire  
Wollondilly  
Young

### NT

Darwin

### QLD

Gold Coast  
Lockyer Valley  
Moreton Bay  
Redland  
State Library of  
Queensland  
Sunshine Coast  
Southern Downs  
Townsville

### SA

Alexandrina  
Ardrossan  
Barossa  
Campbelltown  
Charles Sturt  
Copper Coast  
Cummins  
Gawler  
Holdfast Bay  
Kingston  
Light  
Marion  
Millicent  
Mount Barker  
Mount Gambier  
Murray Bridge  
Norwood  
Onkaparinga  
Playford  
Port Adelaide  
Enfield  
Port Lincoln  
Port Pirie  
Prospect  
Renmark Paringa  
Roxby Downs  
Salisbury  
Snowtown  
Tea Tree Gully  
Unley  
Victor Harbor  
West Torrens  
Whyalla

### TAS

Libraries Tasmania

### VIC

Ballarat  
Campaspe  
Casey Cardinia  
Eastern Regional  
Library Corp  
Frankston  
Glen Eira  
Hobsons Bay  
Kingston  
Mansfield  
Maribyrnong  
Melton  
Mildura  
Mitchell Shire  
Monash  
Mornington  
Peninsula  
Southern  
Grampians  
Swan Hill Regional  
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Wodonga  
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### WA

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Ford Street Publishing  
Green Light Books  
Greybark Publishing  
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IP (Interactive Publications)  
Kershaw Books  
Lake Press  
Larrikin House Publishing  
Little Pink Dog Books  
Ocean Reeve Publishing  
Odyssey Books

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Bree Roldan  
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Marianne Rose  
Kerry Rosser  
Sarah Rudge  
Leah Russack  
Karen Sagovac  
Michael Salmon  
Ritwij Sasmal  
Grant Schofield  
Anna Seed  
Sandra Severgnini  
Anthony Sevil  
Jennifer Sharp  
Christine Sharp  
Christine Shelton  
Kim Siew  
Pat Simmons  
Siobhan Skipworth  
Pam Slattery  
Diana Smith  
Emily S. Smith  
Hannah Sommerville  
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Mike Spoor  
Colin Stevens  
Christina Stonesmith  
Scott Stuart  
Tull Suwannakit  
Aleksandra Szmidt  
Turine Tan

Simon Taylor  
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Jo Thompson  
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Trevor Todd  
Anil Tortop  
Gerard Traub  
Rhane Tsetakos  
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Frank Uhr  
Doris Unger  
Shelly Unwin  
Mitch Vane  
Coral Vass  
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Nadina Vines  
Laura Wallbridge  
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Karen Weaver  
Julie Leiman Weaver  
Kayleen West  
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Chelsea Wilcox  
Margaret Wild  
Lili Wilkinson  
Tony Wilson  
Mark Wilson  
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Michelle Worthington  
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## BOOK TITLES

A Secret Safe to Tell  
Adventurous Princess (The)  
Alice the Kangaroo  
Alphabet Job Buddies  
Animal Doctor, Animal  
Doctor  
Australian Animal Walkabout  
Baby Ways  
Bat vs Poss

Bea  
Being You is Enough  
Belinda, the Ninja Ballerina  
Beowulf the Brave  
Bertha and Bear  
Big Old Rambutan Tree (The)  
Bigger Than Yesterday,  
Smaller Than Tomorrow  
Bila's Big Dance

Birthday Baby  
Blobs (The)  
Blue Moon  
Bootsie and Snudge  
Bringing Down the Wall  
Bruiser G'Day at the Beach  
Bruiser G'Day At The Park  
Bruno the Boisterous Blue  
Dog from the Bush

Bush Telegraph (The)  
Bushfire  
Can You Crack Them?  
Cat Spies Mouse  
Celia and Nonna  
Chasing Shadows  
Christian's Matilda  
Christmas Garden (The)  
Clancy the Quokka  
Clover's Big Ideas  
Cobber  
Colin Cockroach Goes to  
Caloundea  
Colouroos  
Come Home Ella  
Cowboy Monkey Talks Fluff  
Crocodile Shark  
Crowboy  
Cuckoo (The)  
Dingle Dangle Jungle (The)  
Dreaming Soldiers  
Duke of Hinklewinkle (The)  
Earth to Kids  
Ella Saw the tree  
Elliott's Rainbow Heart  
Emus Under the Bed  
Eureka!  
Even Mummy Cries  
Every Family is Different  
Evie is all Ears  
Feathers  
Fergus the Farting Dragon  
Finding Heaven  
First Day  
Forever Kid (The)  
Found You!  
Franki and the Banksia  
Free  
Friends  
From Above the Clouds  
Garden of Friends  
Glasshouse (The)  
Go Away Glob!  
Go Away, Foxy Foxy  
Going Camping  
Going Fishing  
Grandpa and Tuska  
Granny's Place  
Grannysaurus Rex  
Great Goal! Marvellous  
Mark!  
Greatest Book in the World  
(The)  
Happy Birthday SUPERSTAR  
Harry Highpants

Has A Book Got A Spine?  
Hector and his Highland  
Dancers  
Home of the Cuckoo Clock  
House of Mud (A)  
I Love You Book  
I'm Just Little  
Imagine  
In the Shadow of an  
Elephant  
It's Ok to Feel the Way You  
Do  
It's up to U!  
Jacaranda Magic  
Jimbo! Don't go!  
Joey and Riley  
Johnny's Beard  
Join the Armidale Parade  
Jump!  
Just Like Molly  
Kisses in Your Heart  
Land Belongs to Me (The)  
Less Said on Ducks, the  
Better (The)  
Lily the Lotus  
Little Nic's Big Day  
Lola and Grandpa  
Lucy's Book  
Magic Island  
Magic Mistakes  
Magic Vacuum (The)  
Malibu the Naughty Elf  
Mannie and the Long Brave  
Day  
Marshmallow Dreamers  
Me, Teddy  
Minister for Traffic Lights (The)  
Miss Franklin  
Mo, the Daring Dingo  
Monty C. Turtle Learns to  
Swim  
Moonlight Bird & the Grolken  
(The)  
Morphing Murphy  
Mouse and The Egg (The)  
Mozzie with the Sharp  
Snozzie (The)  
Mr Chicken Lands on  
London  
Multuggerah and the  
Sacred Mountain  
My Brother is an Alien  
My Daddy is Different  
My Grateful Book  
My Mum's a Pillow

My Silly Mum  
My Super Special Granny  
My Unicorn Farts Glitter  
My Welcome Book  
Newts, Lutes and Bandicoots  
No Baths Week  
No Place for an Octopus  
Ocean, Sea and Me (The)  
On the Day You Were Born  
One Starry Night  
One Sunny Day  
Only Freaks Turn Things Into  
Bones  
Ori's Clean-Up  
Paint with Magic  
Painted Ponies  
Parmesan, the Reluctant  
Racehorse,  
Perfect Leaf (The)  
Picasso  
Pippa and Dronie  
Pirate Gold  
Plato the Platpus Plumber  
Playground Circus  
Playing With Fire  
Princess and the Packet of  
Frozen Peas (The)  
Puddle Hunters  
Rabbit-Hole Golf Course  
Red Ned  
Reece Give Me Some  
Peace  
Remember - Lest We Forget  
Remembering Floppy  
Remembering Lionsville  
Return of the Jabberwock  
Riley and the Jumpy  
Kangaroo  
Rodeo Kids  
Rosie Leads the Way  
Rudolph Picks His Nose  
Rufus the Numbat  
Saga of King Wai-Gunn (The)  
Sandcastle  
Scared Book (The)  
Scragpie  
Searching for Seashells  
See Monkey  
Shearing Time  
Ships in the Field  
Six Sleepy Mice  
Solo Dan  
Sorry Sorry  
Stripes in the Forest  
Sunshine and Moonbeam

Thank You Dish  
 The adventures Of Clive  
 The Night Before Christmas  
 The Smallest Carbon  
 Footprint in the Land and  
 other ecotakes  
 There's a Baddie Running  
 Through this Book  
 Thirsty Flowers (The)  
 Three Legged Kangaroo  
 from Uluru (The)  
 Tippy and Jellybean - The  
 True Story of a Brave Koala  
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 Bushfire

Tissywoo and the Worry  
 Monsters  
 Tulip and Brutus  
 Twelve Dogs of Christmas  
 (The)  
 Two Pennies  
 Under Benjamin's Bed  
 Waiting for the Night  
 Walking to Corroboree  
 Watching Through the Day  
 Whale in the Bath  
 When Anna Came to Stay  
 When I Grow Up  
 When The Moon Is A Smile  
 Where's Lucky?

Where's Bear?  
 Who Dresses God?  
 Why Worry Wally?  
 Wide Big World  
 Wind and The Mouse (The)  
 Window of Hope  
 Woodlands (The)  
 World's Worst Pirate (The)  
 You Can be a Writer  
 You're Different, Jemima!  
 Zahara's Rose  
 Ziggy's Zoo  
 Zoom

## Storytime news



ALIA's National Simultaneous Storytime in May is about to be launched. This year we're going 'out of this world' with storytime from the International Space Station. Find out more on our website [www.alia.org.au/nss](http://www.alia.org.au/nss).

**RANDOM HOUSE PENGUIN TITLES:** Penguin Random House US offers a temporary open license for storytime until 30 September 2021, which is also valid in Australia. There is a number of fantastic Australian authors under their umbrella and a selection can be found on the book title spreadsheet on our website. Read about the details of this license, including their reporting requirements, at: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com/penguin-random-house-temporary-open-license/](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/penguin-random-house-temporary-open-license/)

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** Publishers may only have territorial rights for a book in Australia and they have asked us to ask you to limit your video posts to Australia-only if possible. More information on the Online Storytime website.



**SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF WA:** The State Library of Western Australia is delighted to be participating in the Online Storytime pilot through the inclusion of *Baby Ways*. As this title is not available for commercial sale, to support public libraries participating in the pilot, SLWA will make available a limited number of copies of the big book version on a cost recovery basis. Libraries that would like a big book can contact them on [bbadmin@slwa.wa.gov.au](mailto:bbadmin@slwa.wa.gov.au).

**HASHTAG:** Recently a library asked what hashtag should be used for the Online Storytime recordings. We recommend: #OnlineStorytime

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