



Updated copyright information for book usage online

On Wednesday 8 April 2020 a special announcement was made by the Australian Publishers Association (APA), the Australian Society of Authors (ASA) and the National Copyright Unit (NCU) for Australian Schools. There is now a special arrangement for school storytimes and book readings during the COVID-19 outbreak.

<https://www.smartcopying.edu.au/docs/default-source/Info-Sheets-PDFs/storytime-agreement-for-schools020514178454.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, Australian children's books can be read online by Teachers and Teacher Librarians without the need for specific copyright permission or payment.

ASLA wishes to thank the APA, the ASA and the National Copyright Unit for reaching this agreement, enabling us to continue the important role of reading stories to and sharing stories with our students, whether they are learning from school or at home.

General advice from ASLA

During these challenging times, it is important as Teachers, Teacher Librarians and Library Staff, we continue to show our respect, appreciation and support to the authors and illustrators of the books we enjoy. Please remember this agreement is temporary. ASLA has created guidelines for you to follow and listed some of the main publisher details below.

Guidelines from ASLA

- Livestream readings where possible. You may make video recordings of storytime and book readings where live streaming is not practical. Please ensure they are non-downloadable to the public.
- Limit access to students of your school and their families via a password protected, closed digital learning environment.
- At the beginning of your reading, please ensure that you acknowledge the following:
 - Title of the book
 - Author and illustrator
 - Name the publisher.
 - Show the cover clearly in the video
- Only make the live stream or video recording available for the time required. In accordance with the Agreement, recordings must be taken down and deleted once normal school teaching practices resume, at the end of the pandemic.

- For book readings streamed online, through a social media platform, such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram please read the regulations of the individual publisher and ensure you follow your school policy.

Specific Publisher Details: Please monitor for updates

Allen & Unwin

<https://www.allenandunwin.com/virtual-read-alouds>

HarperCollins

<https://www.harperacademic.com/pages/onlinepermission2020>

Penguin Random House Australia

<https://www.penguin.com.au/news/2588-penguin-random-house-australia-open-licence-online-story-time-and-read-aloud-videos-and-live-events>

Scholastic Australia

<https://scholastic.com.au/about-scholastic/rights-licensing-and-permissions>

Walker Books

<https://www.walkerbooks.com.au/About-us/COVID-19>

Smartcopying – Special copyright advice for schools during the COVID-19 outbreak

<https://www.smartcopying.edu.au/educational-resources/covid-19-copyright-issues>