

Make a social story for your library



A workshop on helping children feel confident when visiting your library

Some children prefer familiar routines and may feel anxious when going to new places, including the library. A simple social story can help prepare them for the day and enjoy the experience.

Social stories or social scripts are a research-informed practical tool to help all children understand what to expect and feel more at ease. In this workshop, you will learn how to create a social story tailored for your library that families can print or access online. Social stories can explain routines, spaces and experiences in a clear, friendly way to support a smoother, more confident visit.

Facilitated by a librarian, a parent peer worker and a specialist early childhood teacher, this practical session will give you the tools to make your library more welcoming and inclusive. They will share both practical strategies and developmental insights to help you create a resource that supports all children and families in your community.

Topics to explore include:

- What makes an effective social story
- How social stories support children and families
- Ways libraries can use social stories to promote inclusion
- How to create a social story that reflects your library's spaces, routines and expectations

Cost

Free

Date and time

Monday 16 March 2026,

1:00 pm to 2.30 pm AEDT/NSW Time

Please adjust for your time zone if needed

Location

This event is held online using Zoom. Instructions will be emailed to you prior to the event.

If you have accessibility needs, please advise during registration.

This session is for

All public library staff

More information

For more information, contact Marg, Libraries Project Manager, at margaret@plumtree.org.au

Your facilitators

This session will be co-facilitated by an experienced librarian, a specialist early childhood teacher and a parent-peer worker.

Secure your spot now

