

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 we will 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

Thursday 13 August 2026

1:00pm – 2:30pm ASDT/ NSW, ACT, VIC and TAS time

Please adjust for your own time zone if needed

Location

Online via Zoom. Join us from anywhere in Australia
Instructions will be sent by email before the event.

This session is for

All public library staff

More information

For more information see the event page or feel free to email Marg, project manager, margaret@plumtree.org.au

Your facilitators

Co-facilitated by an experience librarian, a specialist early childhood teacher and a parent-peer worker

Secure your spot now

