



Words Alive Kids Reading to Kids

Thank you so much for participating in Words Alive's Kids Reading to Kids!

This guide includes:

- How to record a video
- Best Practices for Reading to Other Kids
- What books you can read
- Scripts to introduce and wrap up your story
- Words Alive media release form

CHOOSING YOUR BOOK

Currently, Words Alive is allowed to record videos of books being read from the following publishers.

- Chronicle Books
- Simon & Schuster
- MacMillan
- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- Crabtree

BEST PRACTICES FOR READING TO OTHER KIDS!

When you read to other kids, you are a role model for kids just like you! They will feel your enthusiasm and joy for reading, and they will share it with you as you read. When you're reading, the most important guideline in reading aloud is to ***have fun and enjoy yourself!*** Want to watch an example? Click [here](#)!

Make sure to remember the rule of three:

1. Read Slowly
2. Read Clearly
3. Read with Expression – if something is shocking, act surprised! If it's funny, tell us how funny it is!

INTRO / OUTRO SCRIPTS

Make sure to introduce yourself, share the name of the book and the publisher:

“Hi everyone! Welcome to Story Station by Words Alive. My name is [FIRST NAME] and today I’m going to read you [BOOK TITLE] by [AUTHOR NAME]. Thank you [PUBLISHER] for letting us read this wonderful story!”

End your story with:

“[Ask the audience a question or two about the story, if you wish]
Thanks for letting me read with you! Bye!”

RECORDING & SUBMITTING YOUR VIDEO

1. Using the device of your choice (computer, tablet, cellphone) open the camera application.
2. Set the camera setting to **video**.
3. Place your device far enough away that you **and** your book can be seen in the frame. You might need someone to help you press record.
4. You can either record yourself reading the book from start to finish, or in smaller chunks and we will edit it together.
5. It may take more than one try to record a video you like -- that is A-OK! Everyone records multiple takes, even if we only ever see the final version.
6. When you have a recording you’re happy with choose one of the following options to submit:
 - a. Email it to Jessica@wordsalive.org
 - b. Upload it to your personal Google Drive and share the link with Jessica@wordsalive.org

Don’t forget to include an attachment of your signed media release form!



WORDS ALIVE LIABILITY AND MEDIA RELEASE FORM

Words Alive is a non-profit organization that provides reading programs and book clubs to underserved communities. This form allows you, or your child, to participate in a Words Alive event, affirms that you take responsibility for your own actions, and gives permission for Words Alive to take photos or videos to share with our partners and supporters. We ask everyone who participates in a Words Alive event to complete the following release.

If you are not comfortable with photos being taken, please cross-off Section #2.

This Release and Waiver of Liability is executed by _____
(Youth Volunteer/Participant Name) in favor of Words Alive, a non-profit organization, its members, officers, employees, and agents, and those of its affiliates, sponsors, contributors, and their affiliated companies (collectively, "Words Alive").

The Participant freely executes this Release under the following terms:

1. **Waiver and Release.** Participant does hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless Words Alive and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or equity.
2. **Photographic and Media Release.** The Participant does hereby grant and convey to Words Alive all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images, video or audio recordings, artwork, letters, or anecdotes gathered by Words Alive during the Participant's participation in a Words Alive event, including but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings. Words Alive will have the right to edit and use these materials for purposes of program promotion, advertising, or public relations including their website.
3. **Minors.** If the Participant is a minor (a person under 18 years of age), the signature/permission supplied by the parent or legal guardian shall constitute on behalf of the minor a release and waiver of liability to the full extent set forth above.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

Youth Participant's Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian: _____

Date: _____

