

Russ the Story Bus School Tour

14 February to 25 March 2022

Sydney Writers' Festival will be moving its 2021 Term Four Russ the Story Bus tour to Term 1, 2022 from 14 February–25 March. All planning is being undertaken with up-to-date public health advice and in consultation with schools.

Our favourite library on wheels, Russ the Story Bus, is back! For six weeks throughout Term 1 (Monday 14 October to Friday 25 March), authors and illustrators will beam digitally into classrooms across Greater Sydney and regional NSW to present an interactive talk. A special book catalogue will also be available for students to browse and select a book from.

What happens during a Russ the Story Bus digital visit?

Students begin their Russ the Story Bus experience by attending a live and interactive digital talk from a children's book author or illustrator. They will share their love of books, discuss their craft and inspire children to think creatively about reading, writing and storytelling. Students are then encouraged to browse the specially created book catalogue that will be sent to their classroom and choose a book to take home.

What teachers say about Russ the Story Bus

'Each student gained a rich learning experience and created a happy memory'. *Gillian Maugle, Teacher Librarian, Wiley Park Public School*

'The joy of the children's faces when they realised they actually were getting to keep the books was priceless.' *Kate Martin, Teacher Librarian, Riverbank Public School*

'We try every day to instil in our kids a genuine love of reading ... so to be supported by you in that endeavour is so lovely.' *Darren Denmead, Teacher Librarian, Bathurst West Public School*

Booking for your school

Russ the Story Bus is free for schools and is suitable for primary school children.

Expressions of interest are now closed for the Term 1 2022 tour, but to ensure you are on the waitlist, please complete our online [expression of interest form](#).

For information on eligibility and more, please visit our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#). For more information, please contact Head of Children's and YA Programs, Amelia Lush at (02) 9256 4209 or amelia@swf.org.au.