



EVERYONE HAS A STORY! WHAT'S YOURS?

Based on *The Friendly Bookshelf*, this activity encourages your little one to find confidence to "always be your-shelf!" Offering children the chance to share their unique story with the world as well as celebrate those of others, the Everyone Has a Story activity will inspire children to create a world where everybody, and every bookshelf, belongs!

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ABOUT THE ACTIVITY:

In the story of The Friendly Bookshelf, Bibli longs to hear a story about someone like him. But, Bibli isn't alone. So many children around the world encounter similar feelings as they struggle to see themselves represented in the media they consume, and await the day when they will finally be able to hear a story told about someone like them. Well, that day is today! Each and every one of us carries a story that is uniquely our own – a story worth telling. With the help of The Friendly Bookshelf's Everyone Has a Story activity, it is our mission to support every child in finding the courage and confidence to share their own story with the world as well as provide them the opportunity to celebrate the unique stories of others.

WRITING TIPS FOR PARENTS/EDUCATORS:

At any age, writing a story is a process! But with children especially, it's important to approach writing in a way that makes the process enjoyable and stress-free, and will ultimately help them build their confidence as a storyteller and lifelong writer.

Tip #1: Take your time!

Don't worry if your child needs several days to think about ideas for their story and organize them. Perhaps one day could be dedicated to brainstorming story ideas, then another could be breaking up the story into a beginning middle, and end. Taking time to break down the writing process into separate pieces will not only make the writing process more manageable, but will also help your child develop a deep understanding of all the parts of writing a great story.

Tip #2: Make a list of words

Spend a writing session identifying the words your child does not know how to write yet but would like to include in the story. Write down the words together to have as a reference when writing the story at a later time. Having a list to look off of while writing will not only help to build your child's vocabulary, but will also allow your child to focus on the story rather than worry about spelling.

Thank you, Becky (Miriam's mom!), for these wonderful tips!

YOUR COVER

(TITLE)

(AUTHOR)

THE
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YOUR STORY

BEGINNING

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YOUR STORY

MIDDLE

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YOUR STORY

END:

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SHARE YOUR STORY:

When children share their stories with us, we showcase them on our website as well as social media AND add it to Bibli's shelves for other children to find and be inspired by - helping less and less people feel alone in who they are! To have your child participate in our empowering Everyone Has a Story activity, please submit the following information to caroline@blossomchildrensmedia.com:

1. Child's Name

2. Child's Age

3. Child's Location (State, Country)

4. Photo of completed "Everyone Has a Story" Activity

5. Video

- Please film a horizontal video of your child holding their Everyone Has a Story activity and telling their story!
 - Sample script: Hi! My name is Marcus. Just Like Bibli the Friendly Bookshelf, I'm going to share my story. My story is called "The Boy with a Big Dream" and on the cover I drew myself, my brother, and my pet dog. My story is that ever since I was little I've had a big dream: to be a singer. But I have a speech impediment. Because I never saw a singer that had a speech impediment, I felt like my dream was out of reach. But my brother David would play the piano for me and encourage me to sing and now I've even found the confidence to sing in front of my family and friends. I'm so happy to have found my voice through music, and I know that this is only the beginning!
- Make sure to start your video with . . . "Hi! My name is _____. Just like Bibli the Friendly Bookshelf, I'm going to share my story!"
- Make sure to end your video with . . . "Thank you for listening to my story. I can't wait to listen to yours. And remember . . . always be your-shelf!"

And that's it! We can't wait to hear your child's story.

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