

Digital Tool Programming for Families: Tumblebooks and Storybird on tablets
Chinook Regional Library, Saskatchewan

Outline of Program:

For the Summer Reading 2014 season, [Chinook Regional Library](#) purchased tablets in order to develop a practice of incorporating digital tools into library programming.

This initiative used an iPad Mini and 2 Samsung Galaxy Tabs and required 40 hours of staff development and programming time to create resource materials, advertisement materials and develop hour long family literacy sessions to be prototyped during the summer, for expanded use in regular programming. With the use of tablets, families can learn about the multitude of digital tools which enhance family literacy at the library. Tumble Books, Storybird and e-books were the target resources as they are available in the Saskatchewan Public Library System.

Chinook Regional Library is also experimenting with two innovative programs: digital storytelling and animating short films using Movie Maker during a Teen Writing Camp program.

Outcome: Families and youth have opportunities to expand their knowledge of electronic resources at the library as well as being exposed to new forms of technology.

Program Format:

- Three sessions with families that would feature Tumble Books and e-books. A how to use Tumble Books brochure.
- Three sessions with families that would feature Storybird. How to use Storybird brochure. (The chosen tablets worked for reading within the Storybird platform, but not for the writing option)
- Power point slide show to walk parents through a step by step process for each session and demonstration. Time would be given for parents to explore each of the features of the digital tools that would be used.
- The tablets were also used as a tool for engagement with walk-in clients/caregivers interested in Tumblebooks. Programmers found that grandmothers interested in tools for child literacy development were an interested population.
- One-on-one sessions or no more than 2 or 3 people work best when tablet numbers are limited

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Storybird

Storybird is a tool that Saskatchewan Libraries has access to. This program can be run as a contest, class project or as a writing course. It is designed to give children a vehicle for creating their own stories and expressing themselves in writing.

Storybird promotes both written and digital literacy by providing professional illustrated pictures, free accounts for students and a printable finished product. Even the most reluctant child will love to experiment with Storybird.



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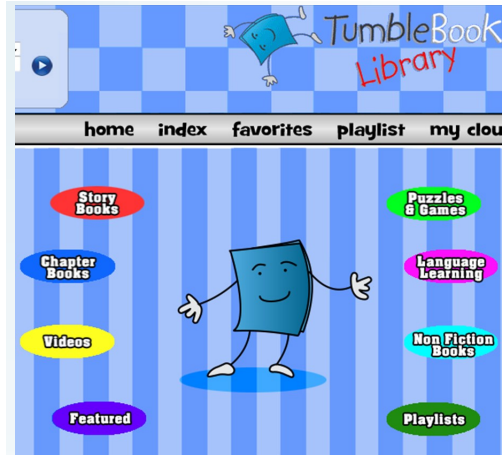


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With the advancement of technology, society is using online data bases, programs and many different types of software for work, school and enjoyment. More homework, reports and even job applications are being done online and with a variety of devices.

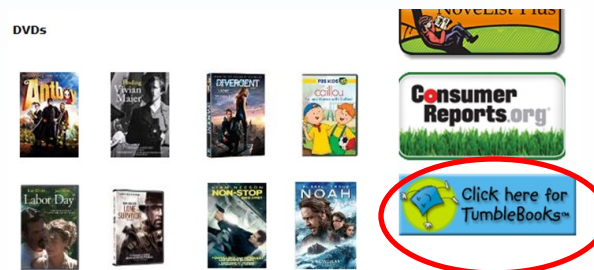
Saskatchewan Libraries have access to two important digital tools that will expose your child to digital literacy and encourage him/her to use technology for growth rather than just mere entertainment.



TumbleBooks™

This digital tool can be accessed on almost any device.

TumbleBooks™ are ebooks for children. They include easy books that are animated and chapter books with a read along option. This is a free service that can be accessed through your library's website by clicking on the TumbleBooks™ icon on the site. This will automatically open up into the TumbleBooks™ library.



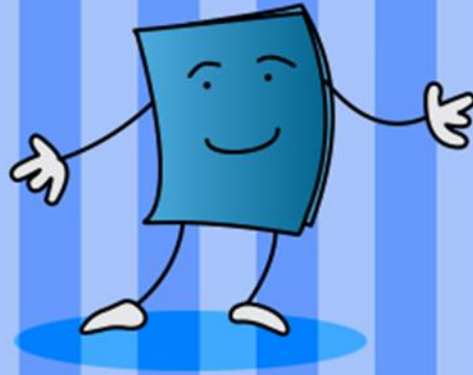
Once inside the TumbleBooks™ library you can select what you would like to read or an activity. Once the selection is made, the site will automatically open it up for viewing.

TumbleBooks™ has a variety of fiction and non-fiction books for children and tweens.

The voices for the animated easy books are clear, easy to understand and the words are highlighted as each one is said giving your child another tool to associate language with verbal conversation.

This digital tool is perfect for long car rides, shopping or a long wait in the doctor's office.

TumbleBooks™ Ebooks For Children



How To Guide

TumbleBooks™ is free for library users and is a service that Saskatchewan Libraries provide for their young patrons.

First step – visit your library’s website. I.E. www.chinooklibrary.ca

The screenshot shows the Chinook Regional Library website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'History', 'Bookmarks', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The browser address bar shows 'www.chinooklibrary.ca/chinook.htm'. Below the browser, there is a search bar and several utility buttons like 'VIDEO DOWNLOAD CONVERTER', 'Download for Desktop', and 'Download for iPhone'. The main content area features the Chinook Regional Library logo on the left, a central banner for 'LIBRARY PRESSDISPLAY' with links for 'In library link' and 'Outside library link', and a 'My Library Account' section with 'LOGIN' and 'Comments' links. A 'New Items' section is highlighted with a blue border. Below this, there is a 'Fall 2013 Newsletter' link and a grid of book covers under the heading 'Adult Fiction'. The grid includes books by Michael Caporali, Kelley Armstrong, Paulo Coelho, Liana Moriarty, J.A. Jance, The Corpse Bridge, Julie Garwood, and The Competition. On the right side, there are promotional banners for 'library2go' (Downloadable Audiobooks & eBooks) and 'OverDrive' (Visit the digital collection for KIDS eReading Room). A 'Request A Book' section is visible at the bottom left. The Windows taskbar is visible at the very bottom.

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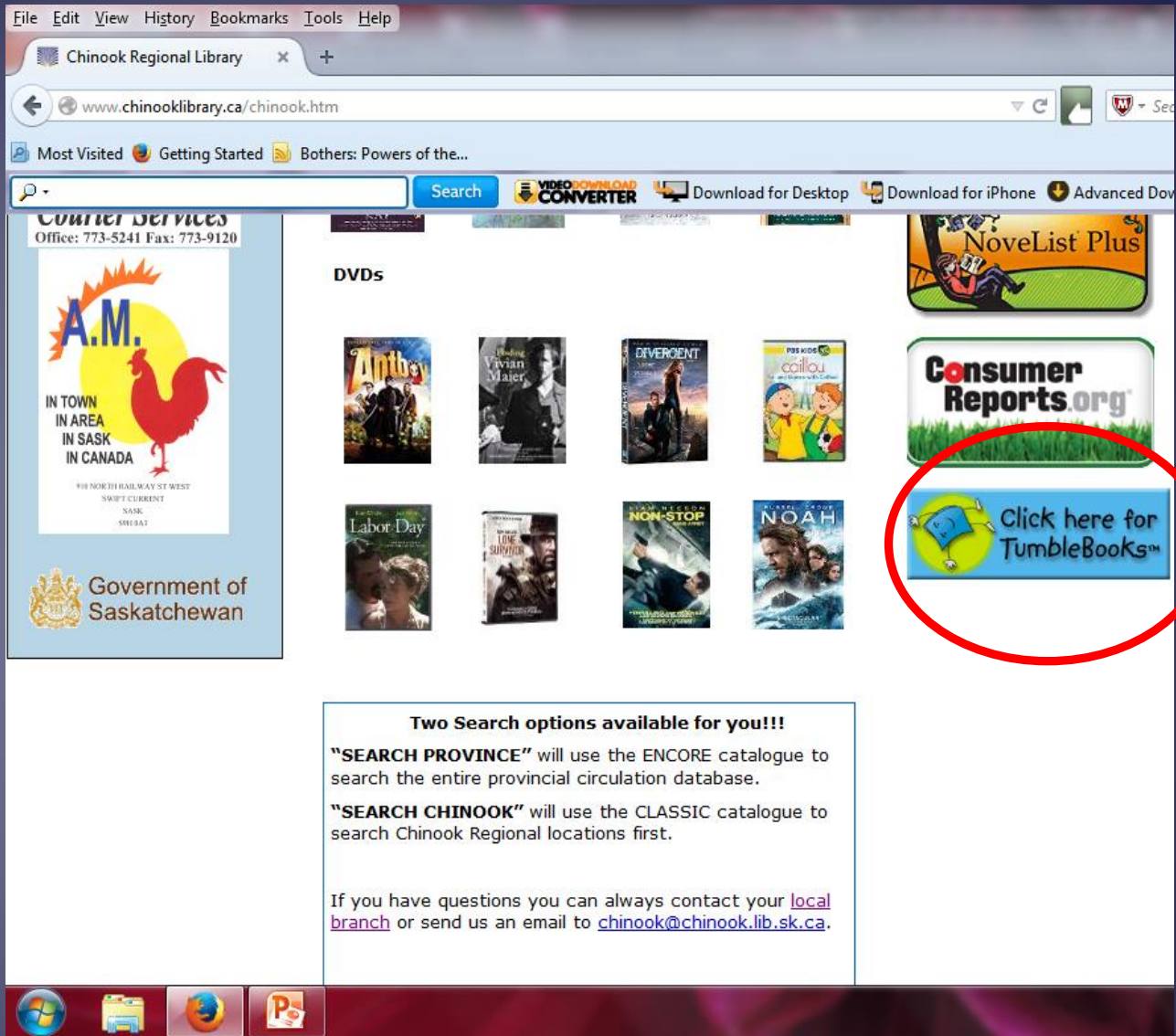
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Two Search options available for you!!!

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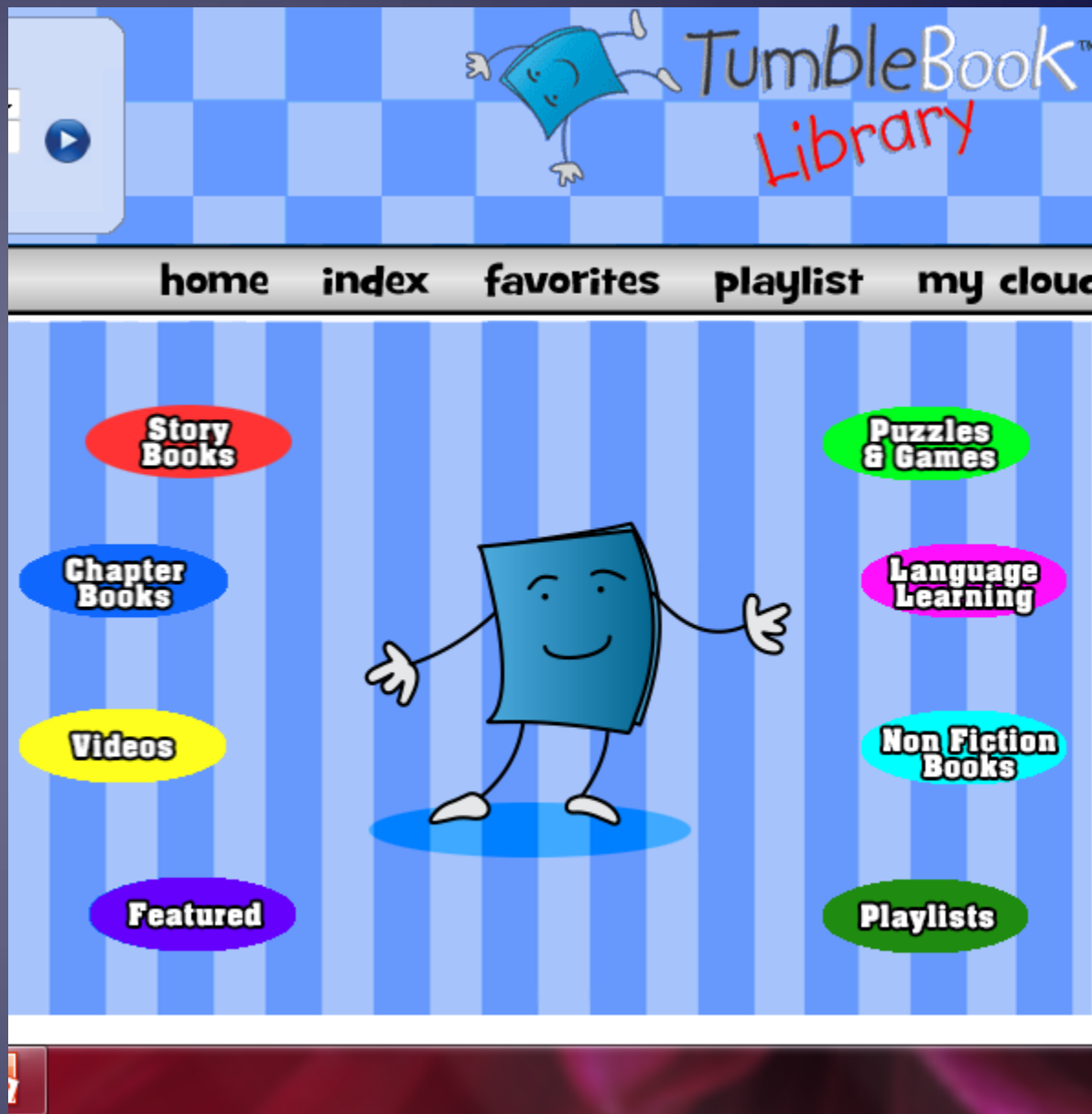
"SEARCH CHINOOK" will use the CLASSIC catalogue to search Chinook Regional locations first.

If you have questions you can always contact your [local branch](#) or send us an email to chinook@chinook.lib.sk.ca.



Scroll down the page until you see the TumbleBooks™ icon. Click on the icon to enter the site.

Select a story, chapter book, nonfiction book, or video.



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Room Enough For Daisy

Daisy's room seems small until she discovers what's really important.

Daisy has more toys than she knows what to do with. In this story, inspired by an Eastern European folktale about a house that's too small, Daisy thinks she needs a bigger bedroom for all the gifts on her birthday list. Her clever mom helps her realize less is more, and Daisy decides to donate many of her things to a Mitzvah Day rummage sale. In the process, Daisy learns about sharing and the satisfaction that comes from choosing what's important.

Author: [Waldman, Debby](#)
Illustrator: [Revell, Cindy](#)
Publisher: **Orca Book Publishers**

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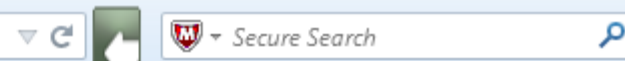
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Chicken Big



On a teeny little farm, in an itty-bitty coop, a very small hen laid a big, giant egg. And out of this egg came one big, humongous . . . something. "It's big!" clucked the little rooster. "It's enormous!" clucked the small chicken. "It's anelephant!" peeped the smallest chicken. "Run for your lives!" they cried. No matter how they try, these clueless chickens can't make sense of the gigantic new member of their family until he saves the day. With wacky, laugh-out-loud humor and silliness to spare, this BIG twist on the classic Chicken Little story lends a whole new perspective to what it means to be chicken.

Author: [Graves, Keith](#)

Illustrator: [Graves, Keith](#)

Publisher: **Chronicle Books**

TumbleTime: **9 minutes & 20 seconds**



Reading Level:

A/R: [2.7](#) , Grade: [K-3](#) , Lexile: [AD570L](#)

Common Core: 1.RL.1, 1.RL.2, 1.RL.4, 1.RL.9, 2.RL.1, 2.RL.2, 2.RL.3, 2.RIT.1

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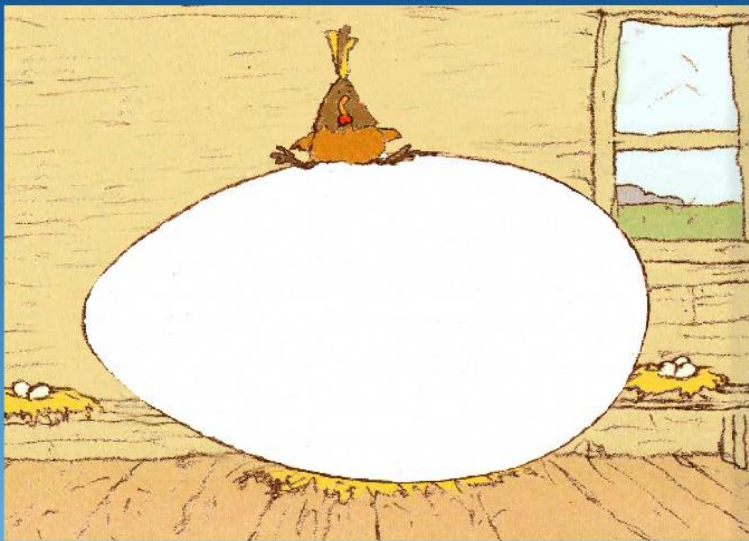
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Later on, the smallest
chicken was pecking for
worms when a raindrop
splatted on
top of her head.

"The sky is leaking!" she
peeped. "We'll all drown!
Run for your lives!"
And the chickens ran for
their lives again.



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With books, an audio voice will read the print. While the book is being read, the text will be highlighted so your child can begin to recognize words and follow along with the story.

Windows Start Menu Icons: Internet Explorer, File Explorer, PowerPoint

System Tray: Network, Volume, Safely Remove Hardware, Taskbar Navigation, Date/Time: 4:31 PM 04/09/2014

Puzzles and games are another feature your child can use to learn vocabulary and word recognition.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the TumbleBooks website. The address bar shows the URL www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/games_details.asp. The page features a navigation menu with links for home, index, favorites, playlist, my cloud, help, and contact us. Below the menu are category buttons for story books, videos, puzzles + games, language learning, chapter books, non fiction books, featured, and playlists. The main heading is 'Puzzles' with a puzzle icon, followed by the text 'Put the pieces together in these fun TumblePuzzles!'. There are buttons for 'Puzzles', 'Word Catch', 'Memory Game', 'Match the Sentence', 'Spelling', and 'Other'. A 'MORE>>' link is followed by a list of letters: A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | L | M | O | P | V. The page displays three puzzle cards, each with a 'read online' button, a 'Read the book' button, and an 'Add to my Favorites' button. The first card is titled 'OH CRUMPS! ¡AY CARAMBA! ROMPECABEZAS'. The second card is titled 'PUZZLE OH CRUMPS! ¡AY CARAMBA! ROMPECABEZAS'. The third card is titled '¡Qué nervios! El primer día de escuela ROMPECABEZAS'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 4:34 PM on 04/09/2014.

The End

A painting of a peacock in a boat with a yellow sail on a green sea under a cloudy sky. The peacock is the central focus, with its blue neck and tail feathers visible. The boat is dark and simple, with a large, bright yellow sail. The sea is a vibrant green, and the sky is a mix of blue and white clouds. The overall style is painterly and whimsical.

What Is Storybird? A Guide For Families

Storybird is a digital tool
that uses professional
artwork to inspire
children to write.

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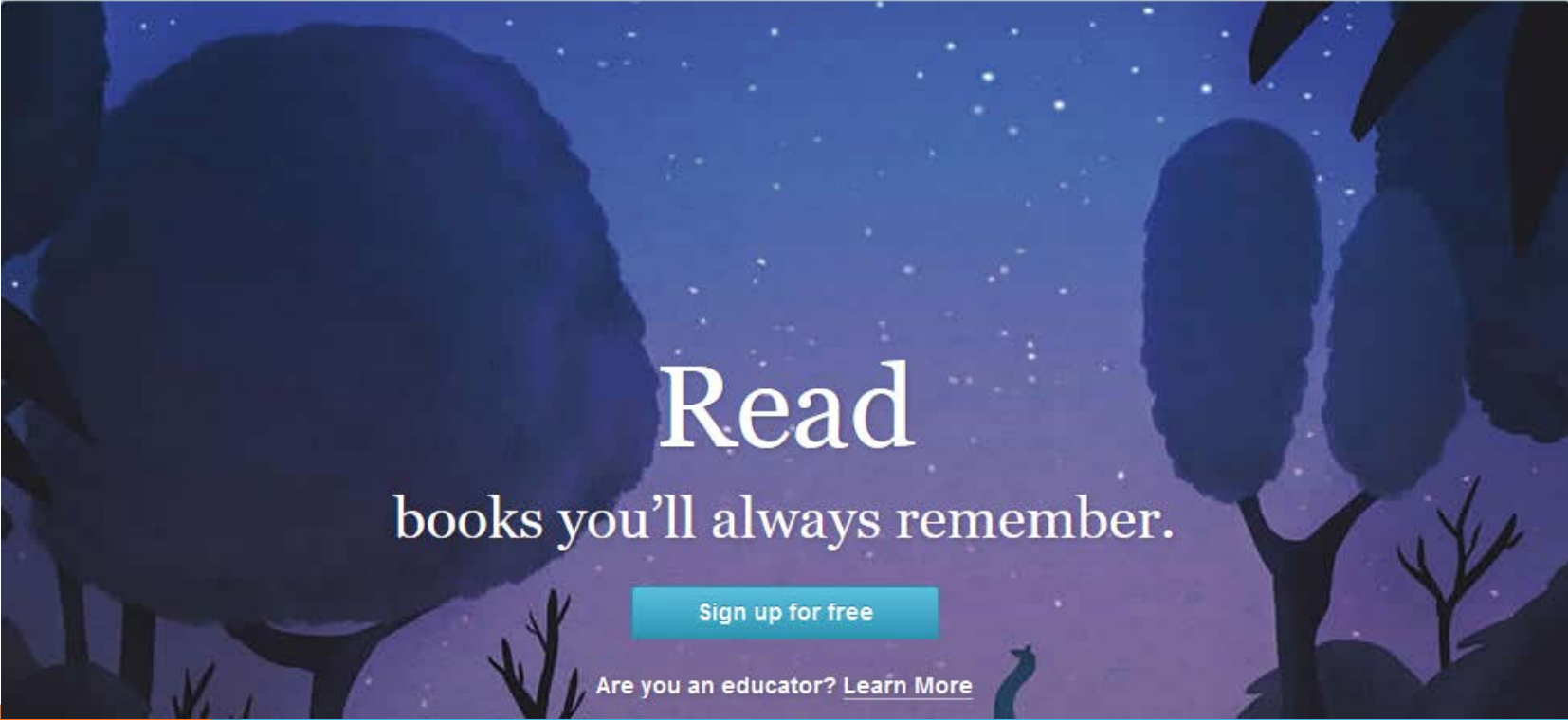
Saskatchewan Libraries have teacher accounts to run branch programs for participating students.

The teacher accounts provide a safe dashboard for children to experience storybird.



Sign in

Sign up for Free



With parental permission children can sign up for their own free accounts without participating in a library program. However, this exposes the children to the public queue and does not give the same safety network as the private dashboards that the library uses.

Sign in to Storybird

Username or email
address

Password

[Forgot your password?](#)

Sign In

When a program is running at a local library, parents can register their children. The programmer will assign him or her with an account and give them a temporary password. The child then signs in at www.storybird.com.

Update your password

Your temporary password needs to be updated before you can use Storybird:

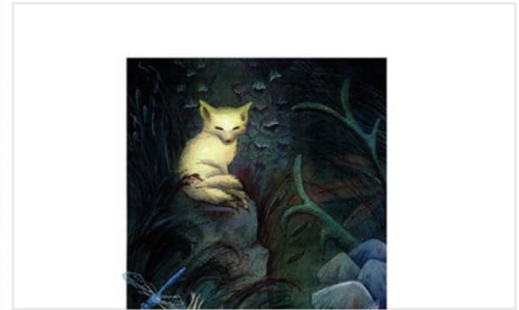
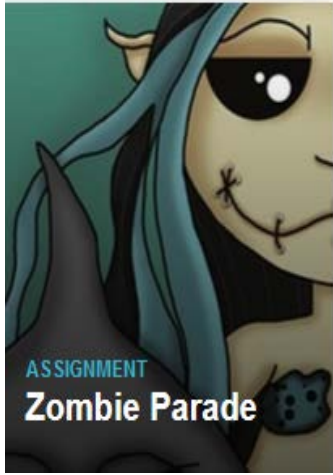
New password

Six character minimum; more is better.

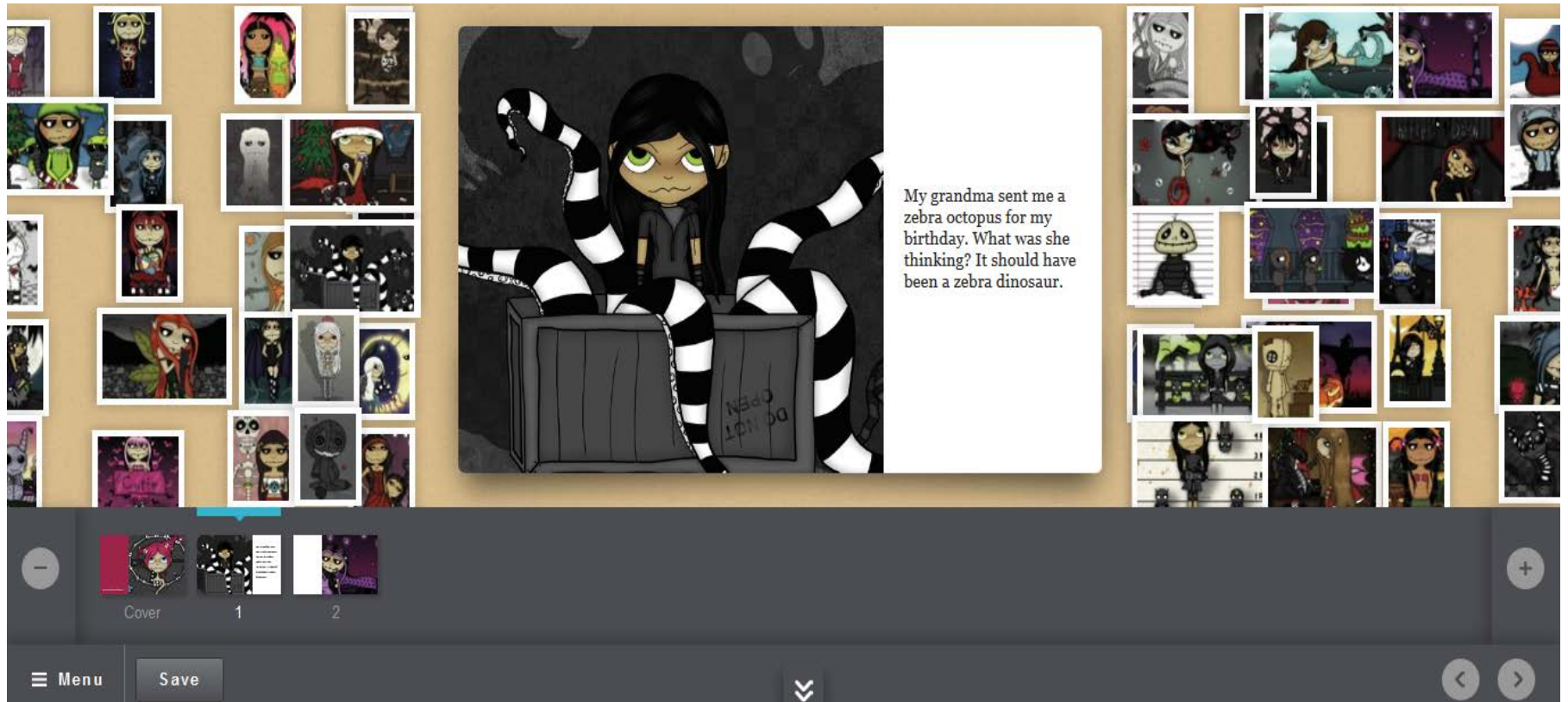
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Update my password

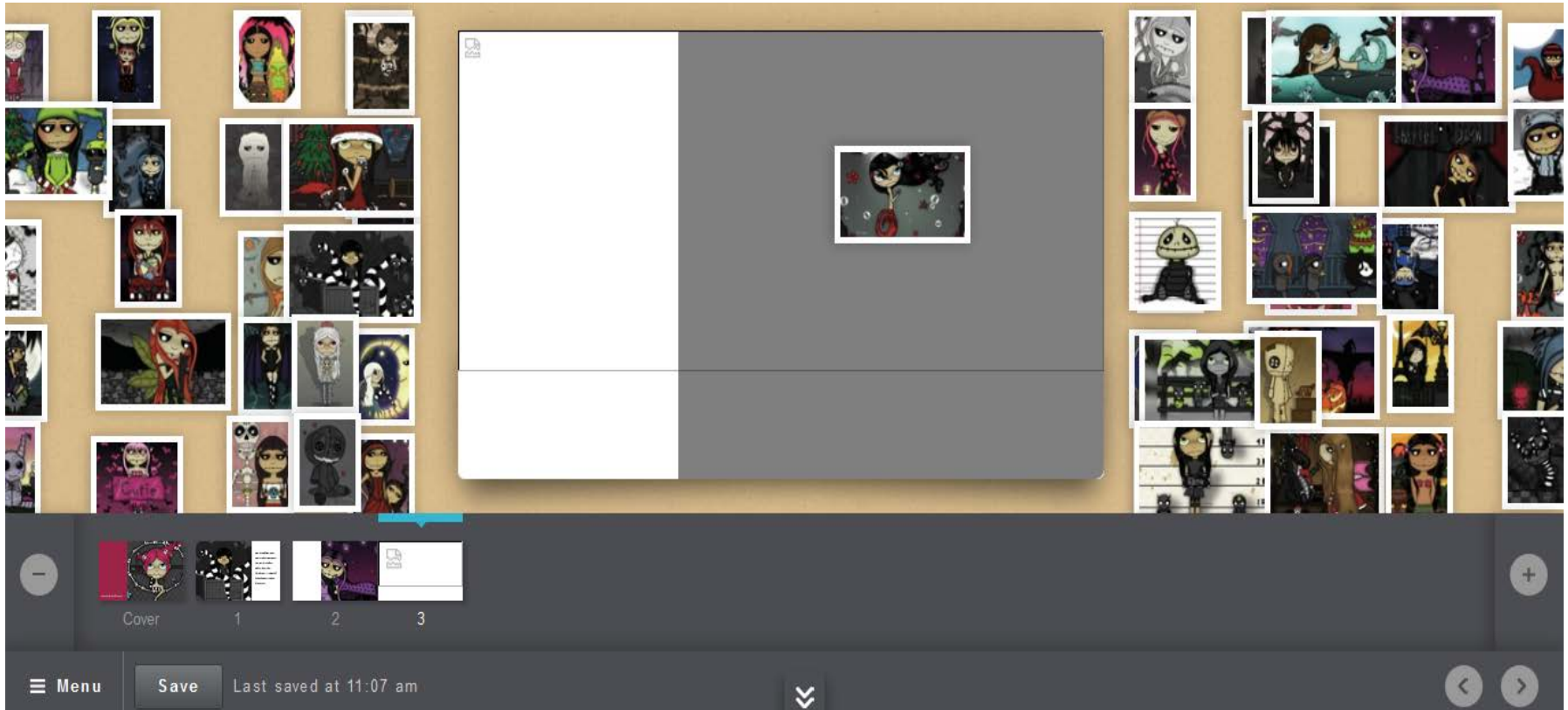
Using the temporary password, the child will sign in and be asked to change that password to one he or she can remember.



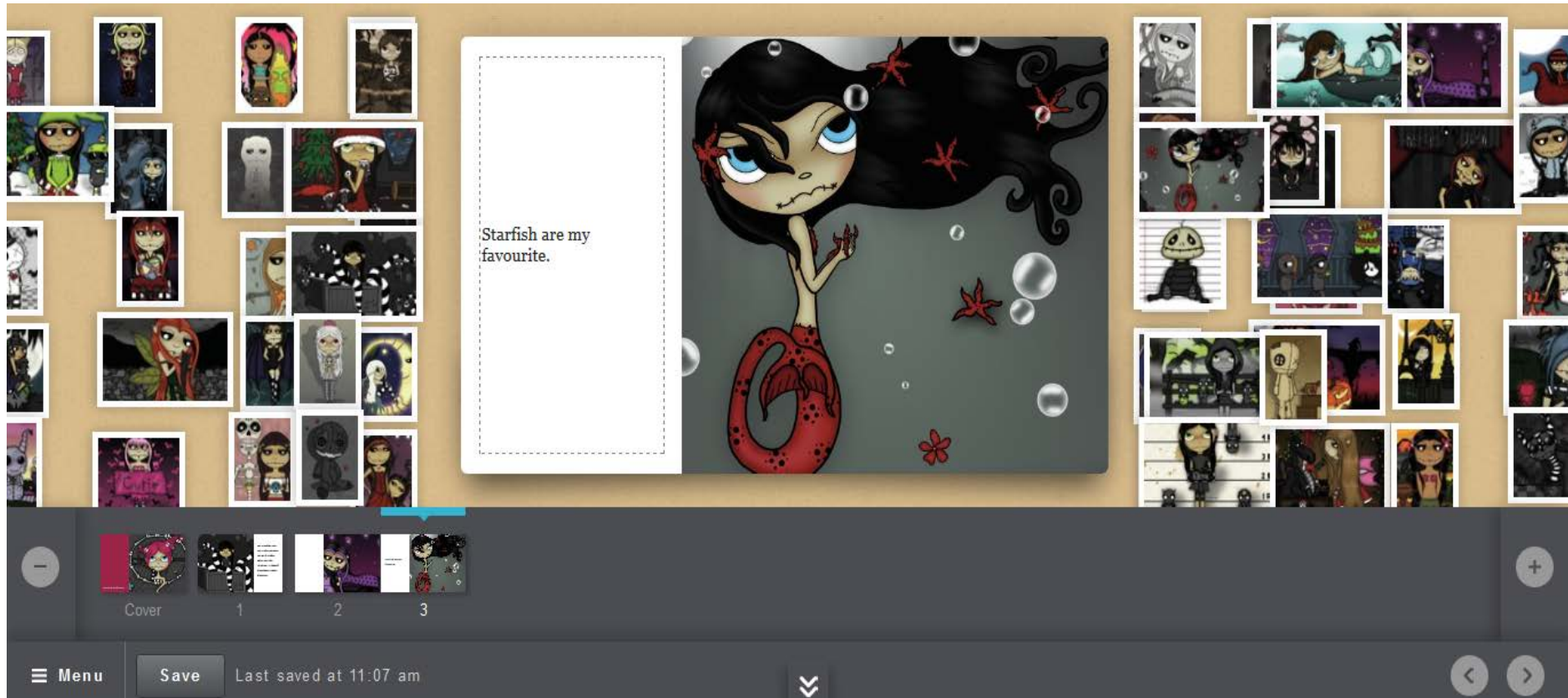
Once a child is signed in he or she will have the option of choosing an assignment to work on or select art from the queue of artwork.



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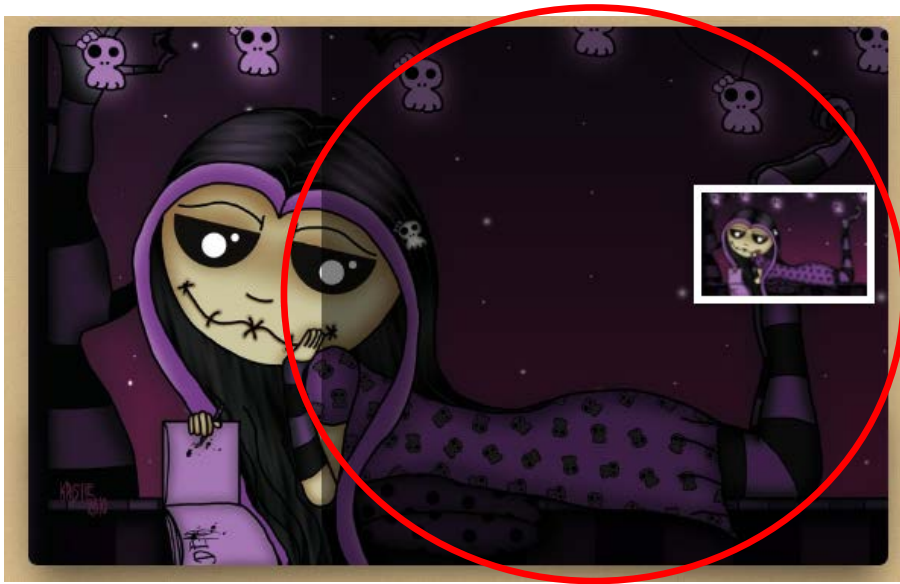
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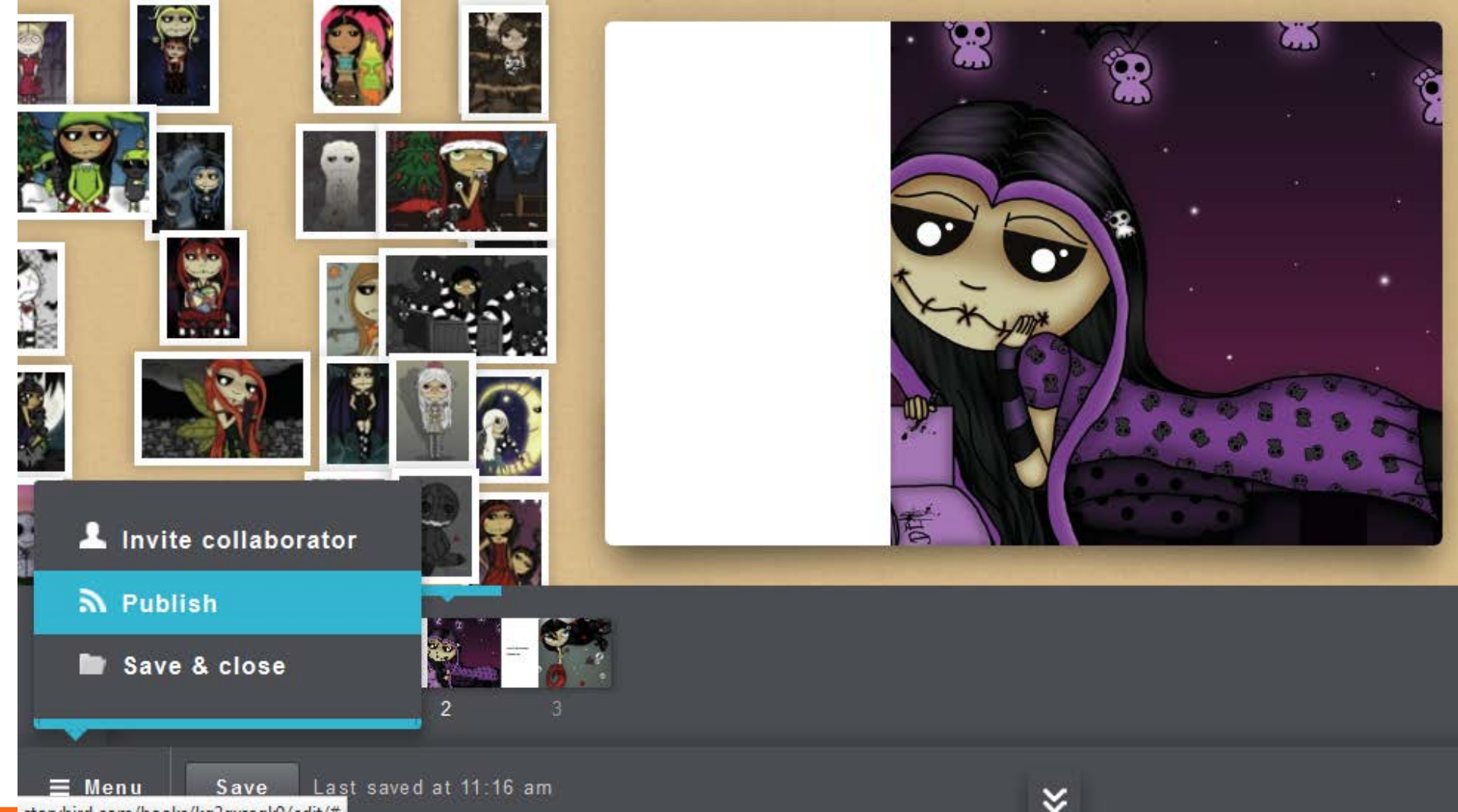
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While dragging a picture onto the page, you may drag it over too much and the picture will take up all of the page.



Click on the original picture from the artwork to the side of the page and re-drag it onto the page until you see the dark coloured square light up.



When the story is finished, go to menu and click publish. This will complete the story and make it ready for printing.



Spot is Hungry

Horse891999



All completed stories will land in the student library. A PDF version of the story can be bought and printed.

Storyboard 

The End