
StoryPort is an educational, entertaining, and empowering writing portal for young authors and their guides.

What is it?

Official form: StoryPort is a website that allows K-12 students to create stories of all kinds, educators to connect those stories to educational objectives, and parents to participate in the process. **Conversational:** It's a writing website that lets K-12 students write stories (fiction, essays, school assignments – anything!) and share them with teachers and family members, who provide edits and encouragement for revised drafts. In addition to the writing space, StoryPort features a library of content including Common Core prompt modules and a set of tools to help teachers integrate it with their curricula.

Who can use it?

StoryPort is currently piloting with about 100 Chicago-area students and their teachers. It will open to the public (including parents) in 2015, but we're definitely looking for more teachers to test it before then! If you have teacher contacts you'd be willing to share, please let Dustin know.

Who's running it?

StoryPort is run by Dustin Walsh and Stacy Ratner. Extra support comes from the Open Books team/network and a group of mentors at the Impact Engine accelerator program at 1871, where StoryPort is headquartered.

What's the connection?

StoryPort got its start as a program at Open Books, which created it to help spread writing experiences to students, teachers, and parents outside of Chicago. In the summer of 2014, it spun out as a separate for-profit company (StoryPort Inc.) so that it could attract investment and grow more quickly. Open Books is the majority shareholder in StoryPort Inc. and benefits from the company's financial success with investors, consumers, and the public. To help guarantee this success, Open Books provides ongoing in-kind expertise and support to the StoryPort team.

Where should interested people go for more information?

Teachers should sign up for the pilot at:

Press, partners, and investors should contact Dustin at:

Everyone should visit:

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