

## Storybooking

Everyone has a story to tell - a love story, a baby story, a story about a special friendship or a loved one, a favorite pet, or an important event. Your stories weave your history.

How many times have you looked at a photo that was taken years or even months ago and cannot remember the details of the memory—the event, the person, or the place—something you thought you would never forget? You can place your photos in a book but, does that add to the detail of the memory.

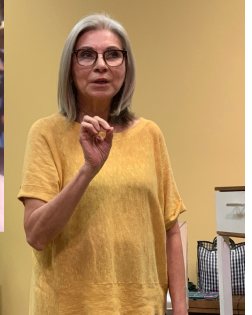
Storybooking is more than gluing pictures into an album or scrapbook. Through storybooking we can share photos as well as the stories that go with them. Storybooking is a simple, fun, and powerful way to preserve, cherish, and share our stories with our family and others through unique, personalized storybooks.

Storybooking captures and preserves the images and stories of the events, heroes, and heritage that are lost when all that is left are pictures.



## How to Create a Storybook

1. Decide on your focus. What is the main idea you are trying to communicate? Is it fact or fiction?
2. What theme/content/story do you want to share? Will it be funny/scary/happy/informative/realistic?
3. Think of a beginning sentence and jot it down. Think of the end and write it down. Remember every story has a beginning, a middle, and an end.
4. Organize your resources. Will you use photos/graphics/illustrations/clip art?
5. Storyboard your ideas for a layout. Use your beginning sentence for the first storyboard and add pages until you have laid out all your ideas. Add key words and phrases to each page. Later you can add details and rewrite sentences for clarity and continuity.
6. Identify the supplies you will use for each page and assemble the items on your workspace.
7. Write and insert captions for each page in your storyboard. You can rewrite and edit as much as you need to make your story tell just what you want it to say.
8. Finally, put your pages together using all your text, photos and embellishments.
9. Enjoy and share your new storybook!



**Supplies** • Paper, pencil, pen

