



Singapore Book Council
Powering Our Imagination

The power of words, connecting peoples and cultures





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For 57 years, we have nurtured a nation of readers, writers, and storytellers. Our multicultural programmes focus on creative writing, reading, translation and storytelling.

They include talks, workshops, mentorships, literary prizes, school programmes and festivals.

Join the movement to champion multicultural literary arts.





Why Join the Movement?

“People aren’t boycotting SingLit, they just don’t know about it”

— AsiaOne



More than half of adults and teens have not read Sing Lit

“Reading Fiction Boosts Empathy and Fights Loneliness”

— Neuroscience News



Losing touch with Sing Lit weakens our empathy and acceptance of different cultures

“Prioritise core values like compassion, multiculturalism as Singapore moves forward: MPs”

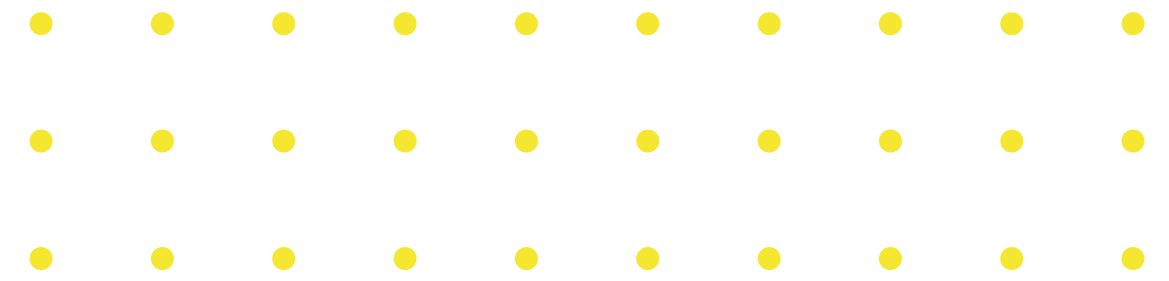
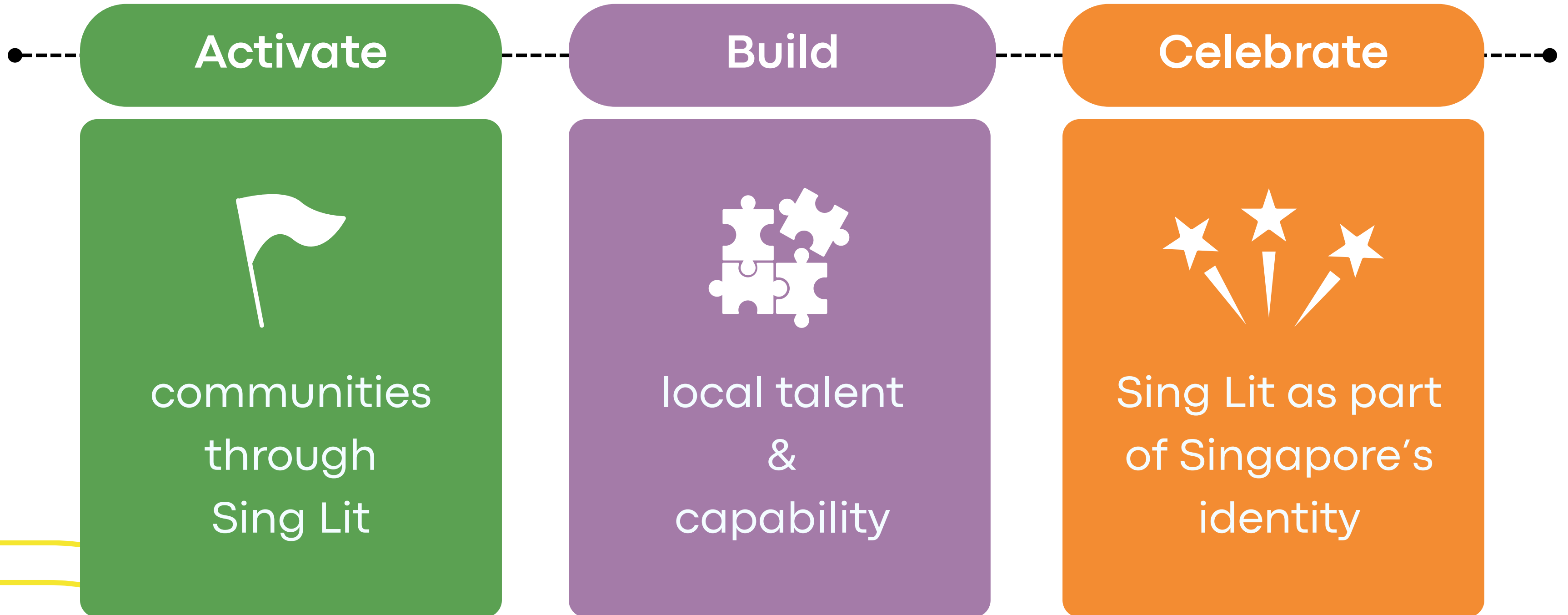
— The Straits Times



Sing Lit is the glue that binds our multiculturalism for a **“We First” society**



How to Be Part of the Movement





Activate communities through Sing Lit

We bridge communities through our annual Asian Festival of Children's Content (AFCC) and AFCC Books Village.





AFCC is a premier festival for children's books in the region. It helps to create a "We First" society.

The festival reaches over **13,000 children and families** a year.

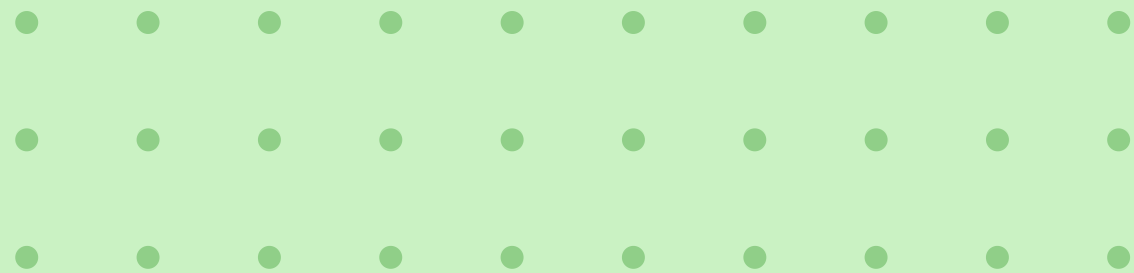
It connects authors, illustrators, educators and storytellers.





AFCC Books Village is the biggest children's book fair in Singapore.

It showcases cultural performances and children's workshops.





Build local talent & capability

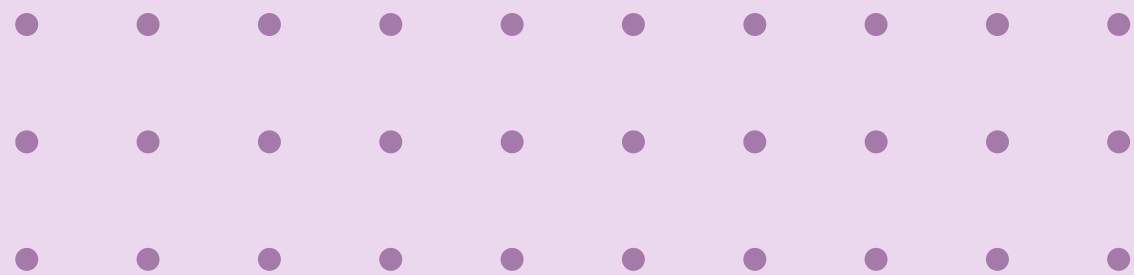
We nurture talents and young children with SBC Campus and SBC Mentorships.





SBC Campus workshops inspire future generations of authors and poets.

They reach over **5,000 students** and **30 schools** a year.





SBC's workshops have helped me become more confident of myself not just as a writer or illustrator, but as a person.

— Kara, 11-year-old participant

I liked when she brought us through passion-writing, and how advocacy can be as simple as sharing someone's story to one other person.

— 18 year-old participant

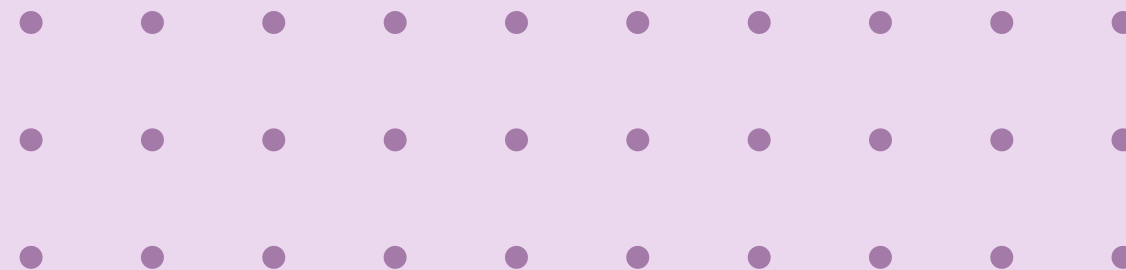
I enjoyed getting to write my own poems and getting feedback.

— 15-year-old participant



SBC Mentorships grow new writers and translators across the four languages.

It launches the careers of **15 emerging writers and translators** a year.





2023 SBC Mentee (English Fiction) Sarah Ang went on to receive a Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize and year-long mentorship.

[The SBC mentorship] strengthened my conviction to take writing more seriously. I hope to one day publish a novel or collection of short stories, feeling better-placed to achieve this goal after the mentorship.

- Sarah Ang

Singaporean Sarah Ang wins New Voices Award at Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize

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As part of the prize, Singaporean writer Sarah Ang, who won for her novel-in-progress *Whale Song*, will receive a year-long mentorship to help develop her novel into a full first draft.

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Sing Lit as part of
Singapore's identity

We give recognition to writers
through the Singapore Literature
Prize (SLP) and Hedwig Anuar
Children's Book Award (HABA).





Singapore Literature Prize is the only national award for writers and translators across the four languages.

It gives recognition to Sing Lit and local authors.

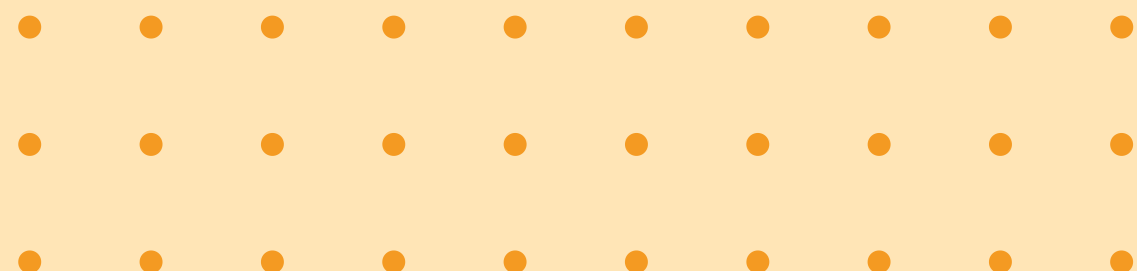
More than **150 winners** have been awarded since 1992.





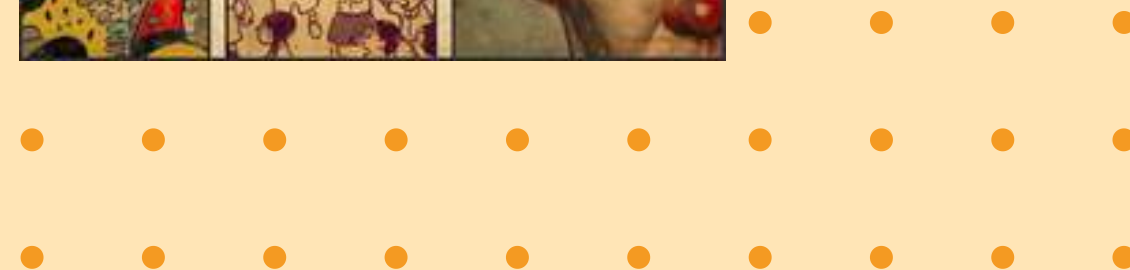
Prasanthi Ram, after winning SLP (English Fiction) in 2024, was selected to be a writer-in-residence for the notable 2025 NAC-NLB (National Arts Council - National Library Board) Writers Lab.

She was also invited to speak at at OzAsia Festival 2025 in Australia, her first international speaking engagement.





Sonny Liew, after winning SLP (English Fiction) in 2016, won three Eisner awards – regarded as the most prestigious award in the comics industry.





Hedwig Anuar Children's Book Award (HABA) recognises the best of children's literature.

It was named in honour of literary pioneer Hedwig Anuar.

Since 2011, it has been awarded to **10 winners**.

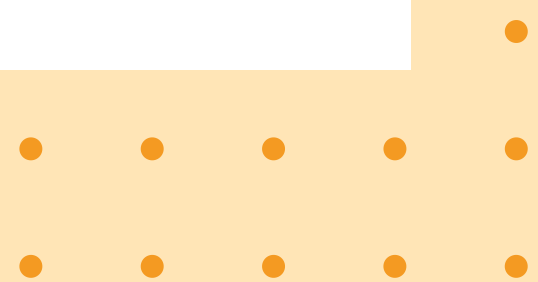




Priscilla Tey, who was shortlisted for HABA 2022, won the top prize in the Site-Specific category of the World Illustration Awards 2025.



Singapore artist Priscilla Tey wins top prize at World Illustration Awards 2025



Join our movement today.

Be a spark to help us shape the next 57 years of Sing Lit.

Let's steward our multicultural future for the generations ahead.



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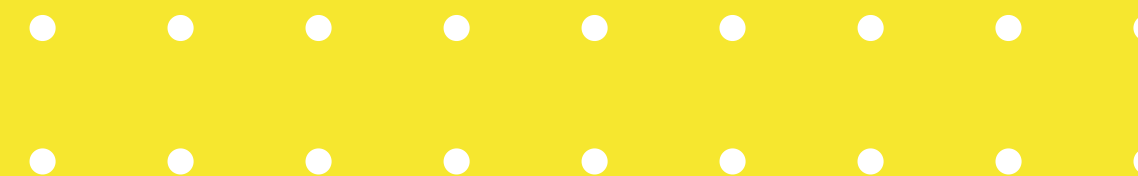
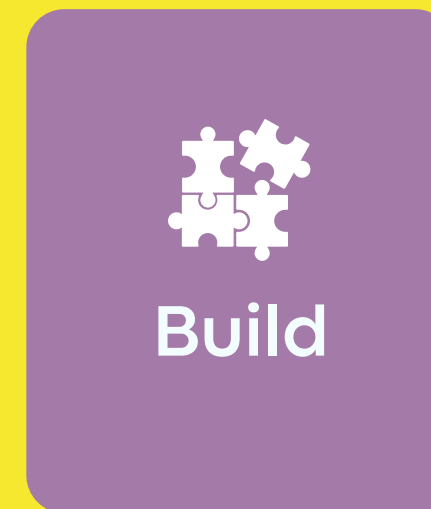
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