

# The Storyteller Tipi

## An intimate communication of the good story

**Our culture** is built on good stories, and it is crucial that we pass on the most essential stories to our children. The libraries, as the most important cultural institution for small children, have a special responsibility for creating interest for stories in picture books and for communicating them to the child. In times where other media are much more dominating in the children's everyday life, we have to demonstrate how important the picture books are in developing the child's personality by making exciting and up-to-date mediation.

**The big Storyteller Tipi** creates the ultimate setting for this mediation, with its dim green, intense atmosphere. While the librarians Rikke Skuldbøl Jacobsen and Carsten Flink from the Guldborgsund Libraries are telling stories, the children are suited on thick yak-ox skin and the canvas is flapping slightly in the wind. The children get an unique experience and an entrance to their cultural heritage, which they will remember for the rest of their lives. With The Storyteller Tipi the librarians go out to kindergartens, schools and sub-branch libraries where the children live and play. In this way the tipi is outreaching literature communication at child level.

**To look, listen, feel, taste and smell** – The five senses are the pivotal point for the book mediation. “The Library of the Senses” we call the book collection we bring with the tipi. All the books are equipped with accessories challenging the senses and supporting the stories. After being told the story “The Salt Herring and the Eel”, about the wise men of Gotham, it makes a great impact to feel the slippery skin of a living eel. Having been listening to the story “The Runaway Pancake” it is a nice experience to taste the sweet little pancake which we make on a mini-stove in the tipi. You smell, taste, feel your way through the stories and leave the tipi enriched in all senses. A sensuous kick into the world of picture books and stories.

**We will** with pleasure tell you more about The Storytelling Tipi/The Library of the Senses. Further information and the best regards from:

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