

Story Monsters Earns 12 Selections and Wins All Three Categories at 2026 San Diego International Kids' Film Festival

Story Monsters LLC and Book Street Press earned 12 selections and won in all three categories entered at the 2026 San Diego International Kids' Film Festival.

CHANDLER, AZ, UNITED STATES, September 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Story Monsters LLC and Book Street Press earned 12 Official Selections at the 2026 San Diego International Kids' Film Festival, held August 21–23, with projects represented in the [Screenplay](#), Audiobook, and Original Song categories. When the winners were announced, Story Monsters / Book Street Press received an award in each of the three categories.

Three Winning Projects

Screenplay Showcase Winner: Sixty-Minute Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Published by Book Street Press and adapted by Professor Emeritus Cass Foster. The screenplay was also selected for a live Screenplay Showcase during the festival.

Best Audiobook - The Case of the Missing Pink Piggy - Audiobook Edition

Written by Linda Harkey, illustrated by Mike Minick, narrated by Immy Dymott, and produced by Studio Story Monsters®, a division of Story Monsters LLC. The audiobook is part of the Story Monsters® Little Read-Alongs™ collection, which brings children's [books](#) to life through narration and multimedia storytelling.



Studio Story Monster® brings stories beyond the printed page through audio, music, performance, and multimedia.

Best Original Song - The Great Animal Escape Theme Song

Inspired by The Great Animal Escape, written by Linda Harkey and illustrated by Jeff Yesh. The song features music and lyrics by Zachary Simpson, is performed by Erin Rementer, and was produced by Studio Story Monsters®.

12 Official Selections

Story Monsters / Book Street Press projects received 12 Official Selections across the festival's three categories:

Screenplay



This recognition celebrates the many ways a story can come to life—from books to audiobooks, music, screenplays, live performance, and multimedia. Our entire creative team shares in this honor.”

Linda F. Radke

- Sixty-Minute Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night’s Dream
- The Case of the Missing Pink Piggy

Audiobook — Story Monsters® Little Read-Alongs™

- Cate and the Garden Bandits
- I Know What You Do When I Go to School
- Jamie’s Journey: Cancer From the Voice of a Sibling
- Little Lucy Ladybug: Where Are My Spots?
- Luna: The Mare with the Sky Blue Eyes
- The Case of the Missing Pink Piggy

Original Song

- Marky the Magnificent Fairy Theme Song
- The Bumblebees
- The Great Animal Escape Theme Song
- Saul the Baseball in the Big Game Theme Song

“This recognition is especially meaningful because it celebrates the many different ways a story can come to life,” said Linda F. Radke, Monster-in-Chief of Story Monsters LLC. “We began with the printed page, but today our stories are also reaching children and families through [audiobooks](#), music, screenplays, live performance, and other forms of multimedia storytelling. To have 12 projects selected and then earn a win in all three categories in which we were being



Book Street Press publishes compelling stories and distinctive voices for readers across a wide range of genres.

considered is something our entire creative team can celebrate.”

The festival recognition reflects Story Monsters’ continuing expansion into multimedia storytelling through Story Monsters Press®, Book Street Press, Studio Story Monsters®, and Story Monsters® Little Read-Alongs™.

Story Monsters extends its heartfelt gratitude to the organizers, judges, staff, and volunteers of the 2026 San Diego International Kids’ Film Festival for celebrating creativity and giving storytellers a wonderful platform to share their work.

About Story Monsters LLC

Story Monsters LLC is a Chandler, Arizona-based publishing, media, and literacy company dedicated to connecting children, families, educators, librarians, authors, and creators through the power of stories.

Its family of brands and programs includes Story Monsters Press®, Book Street Press, Story Monsters Ink®, Studio Story Monsters®, Story Monsters Book Awards, Story Monsters Media Awards, and Story Monsters® Little Read-Alongs™.

Story Monsters continues its mission of Changing the World... One Story at a Time.

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