Classroom Set-Up (Book Clubs)

What is a Book Club

A "Classroom" in Tall Tale Club is called a "Book Club". It represents a group of students that you want to view and manage together. Within a "Book Club", you can:

- Quickly create an Activity (book with same parameters) and assign it to the entire group.
- Set the default reading-level and difficulty offset for each student in the group.
- Grant your group the ability to create their own books (by using your subscription's book limits)
- Future: Allow students to easily share and explore books created by other group members.

Set-up a New Book Club

1. Log into Tall Tale Club (talltaleclub.com)
   a. If this is your first time, select the "Educator" persona when prompted
   b. Select "Start Free Trial" if prompted. That will give you 60 books credits to use for yourself and with your class. Contact support@wordwiselearning.com to request a larger amount of credits. We are excited to collaborate with educators and will happily enable your classroom.
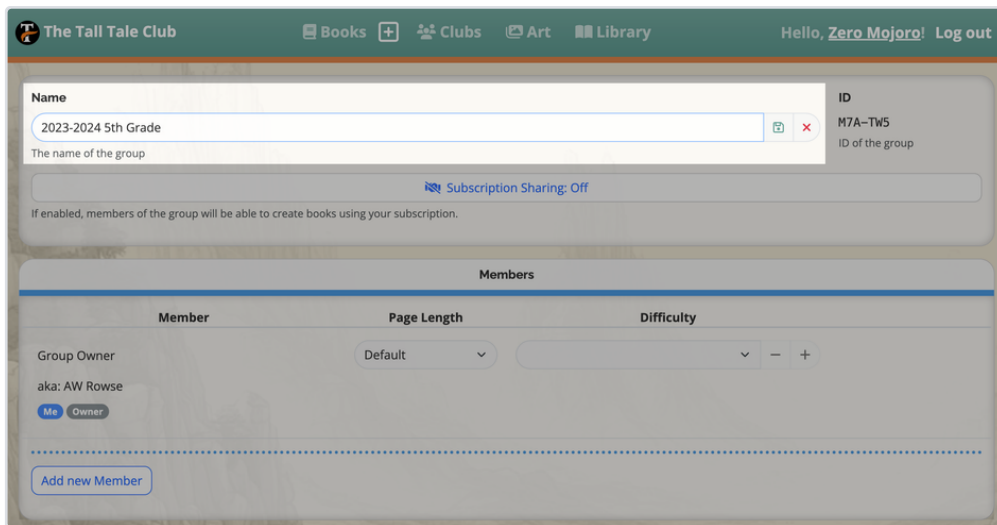2. In the top navigation, select "Clubs"
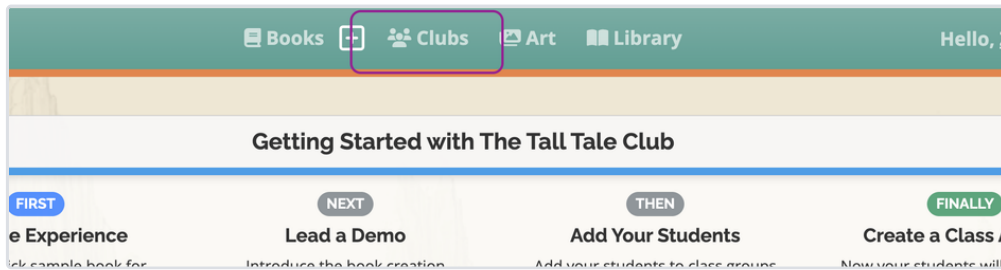
3. Select "My Book Clubs" tile's "Open" button
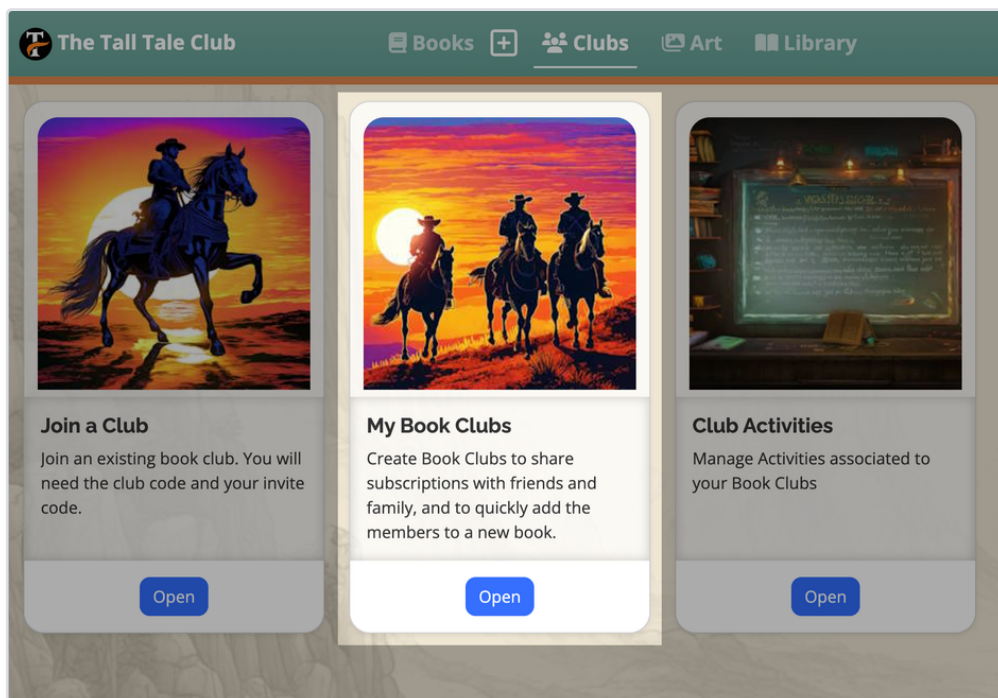
4. Under the "Clubs you Created" section, select the "New" button.
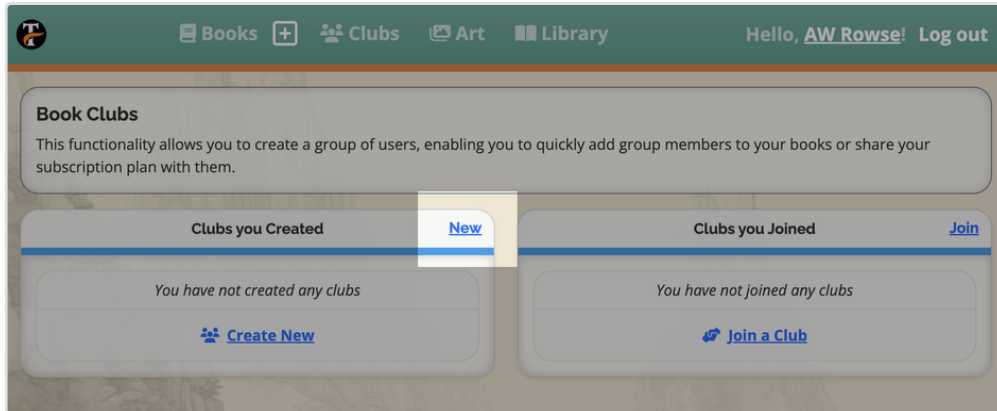
5. Click the Name to edit the book club name. Click the "Save" icon to save the change.

6. Click the "Add New Member" button to add each of your students to the group. You'll notice that you are automatically part of the group too. This enables you to optimally add yourself to an assignment for demo purposes.

Student Name
Set the student's name (or other identifier) in the first column.

Page Length:
This determines how many words are used on each page of the book. You will usually want to use the "Default" value. This will adapt the length to match the set grade level. If you want to override the length, then select one of the other values.

Very Short = 10 words
Short = 20 words
Average = 50 words
Long = 100 words
Very Long = 200 words
Default = Length is based on the selected grade level.
- Picture Book = less than 10 words long
- 1st Grade = less than 20 words long

- 2nd Grade = two or three sentences
- 3rd Grade = a very short paragraph
- 4th Grade = a very short paragraph
- 5th Grade = a short paragraph
- 6th Grade = a short paragraph
- 7th Grade = a paragraph
- 8th Grade = a paragraph
- Everything else = a paragraph or two

Difficulty:

The Grade Level determines the maturity of the content (G vs PG, etc) and auto sets the text complexity to the target reading level for that grade. You can then adjust the text complexity using the minus (-) and plus (+) buttons to the desired level for the student.
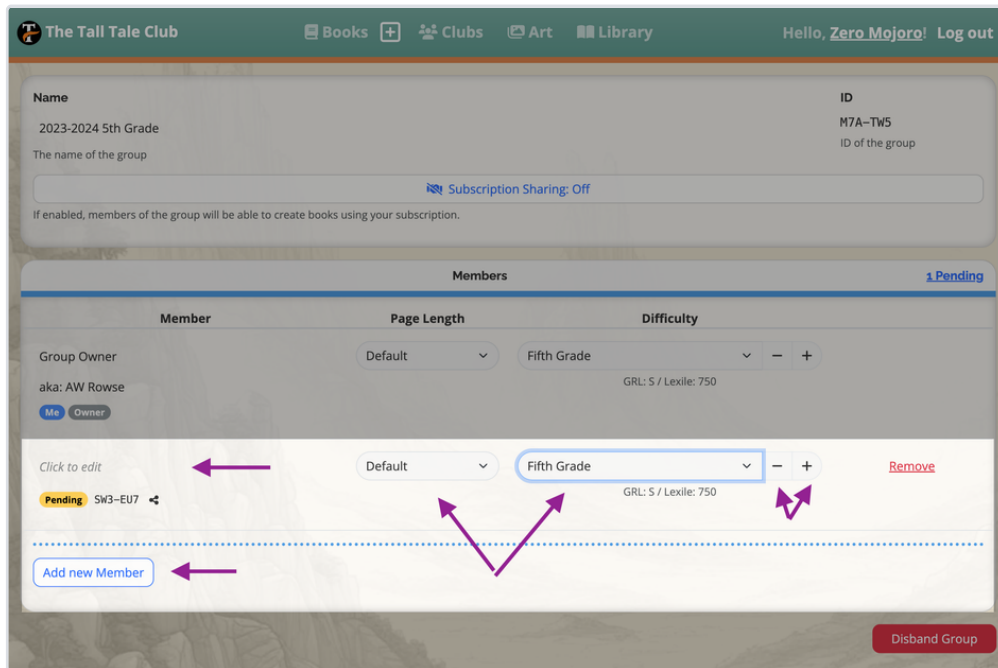
7. Repeat the previous step for each student in your class.

8. Done! Your Book Club is now set up. Next you can either:
    a. Create an Activity (steps below), or
    b. Link Student's accounts to the Book Club (steps below)

Connecting a Student Account to the Book Club

By adding a Student to a Book Club (previous step), you set up a space for them in the group. There is one additional step for the student to "claim" that space. In this section we will walk through how a student will join the club using the Group and Student Claim Code.

Educator Steps

1. Log into Tall Tale Club (talltaleclub.com) using your Educator credentials.

2. Navigate to the "Clubs" in the top navigation

3. Select "My Book Clubs" / "Open" action

4. Any Students that haven't connected their account will show as "Pending" underneath their name.
   There will also be a 6 digit code displayed. They will need this code, and the group code (also 6 digits) found in the top right of this screen to join their account to the group.

To easily display the join code for every student, click the "# Pending" button on the top right of the list. The page can either be displayed on a projector for your students, or you can print it out and give each student a slip with their join codes.
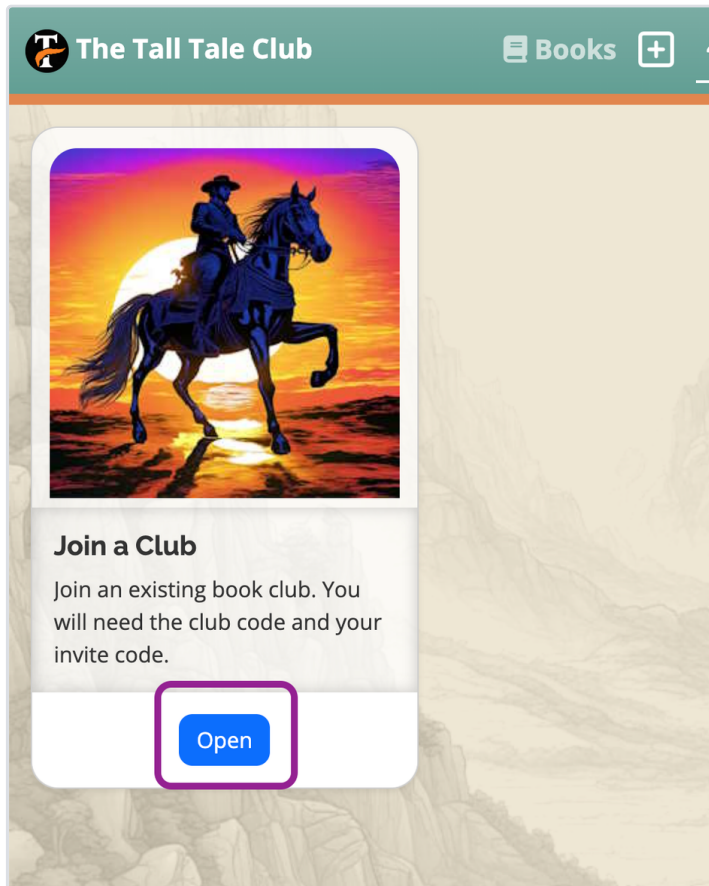
You can also click the "Share" icon next to each student's join code to get a QR code or clickable link unique to the student.

Student Steps

1. Log into Tall Tale Club (🐎 The Tall Tale Club) using their credentials.

2. Navigate to the "Clubs" in the top navigation

3. Select "Join a Club" / "Open" action

4. Each student should enter the "Group ID" and "Code" and click "Join!"
   Note: The codes are case-insensitive and the dash is optional
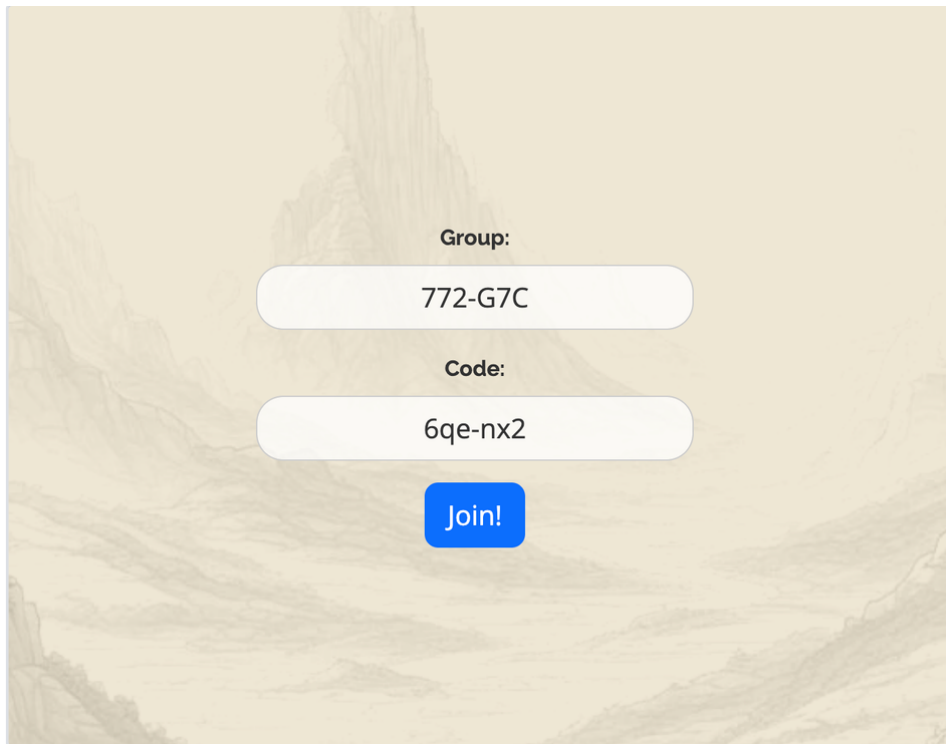
5. Done! The student has now joined the Book Club.

6. Next: Direct students to select "Books" in the top navigation. If you have created and started any Activities, they will appear here for the student to begin working on. If you haven't created an Activity, see the next step of this guide.
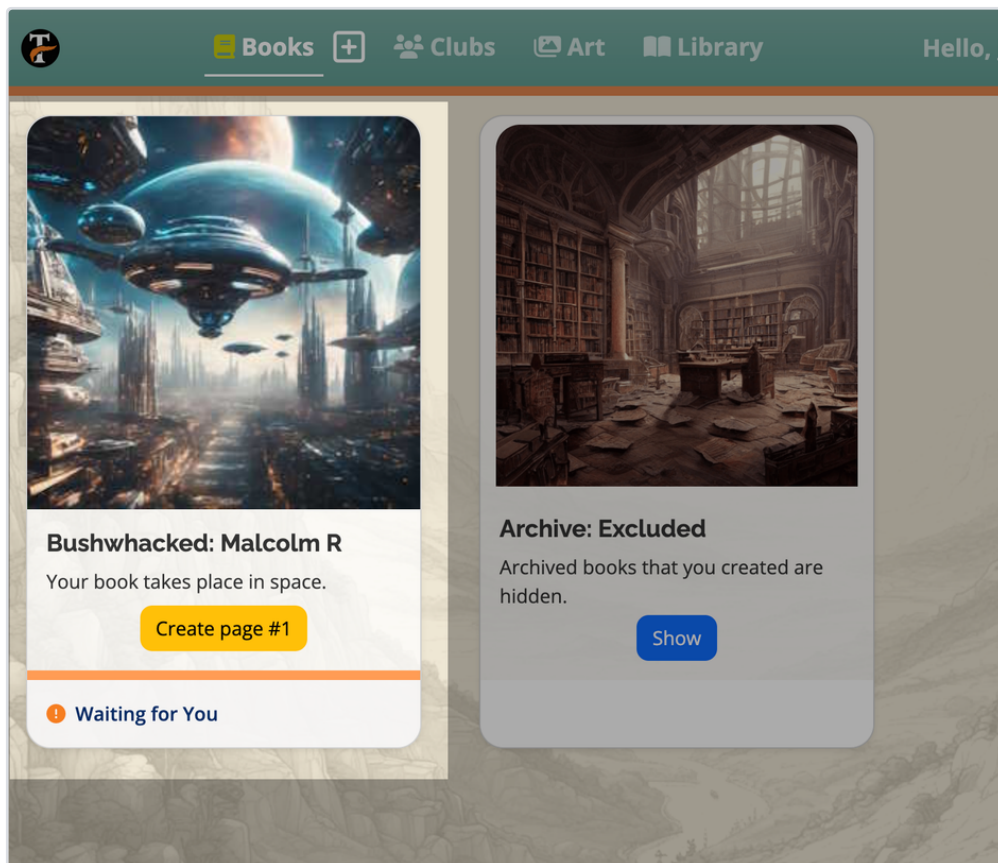
Creating a Book Club Activity

An Activity is a book with similar parameters assigned to a Book Club. From an activity, you can set up a book once and assign it quickly to the group. You can also monitor student progress from the Activity dashboard.

1. Log into Tall Tale Club (🍂 The Tall Tale Club) using your Educator credentials.
2. Go to the "Dashboard" by clicking the "Tall Tale Club" label or logo in the top right side of the main navigation
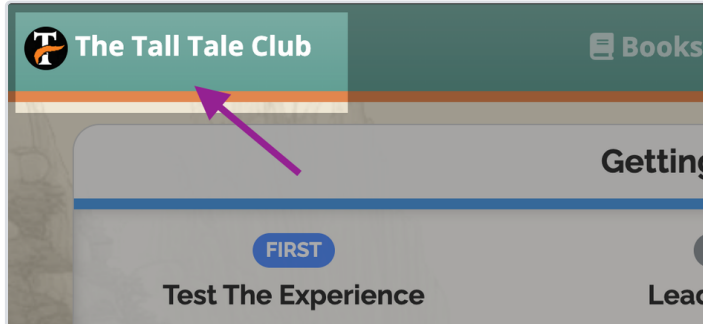
3. Scroll down to the "Book Clubs" section. Open your Book Club and select "New" under the Activities column
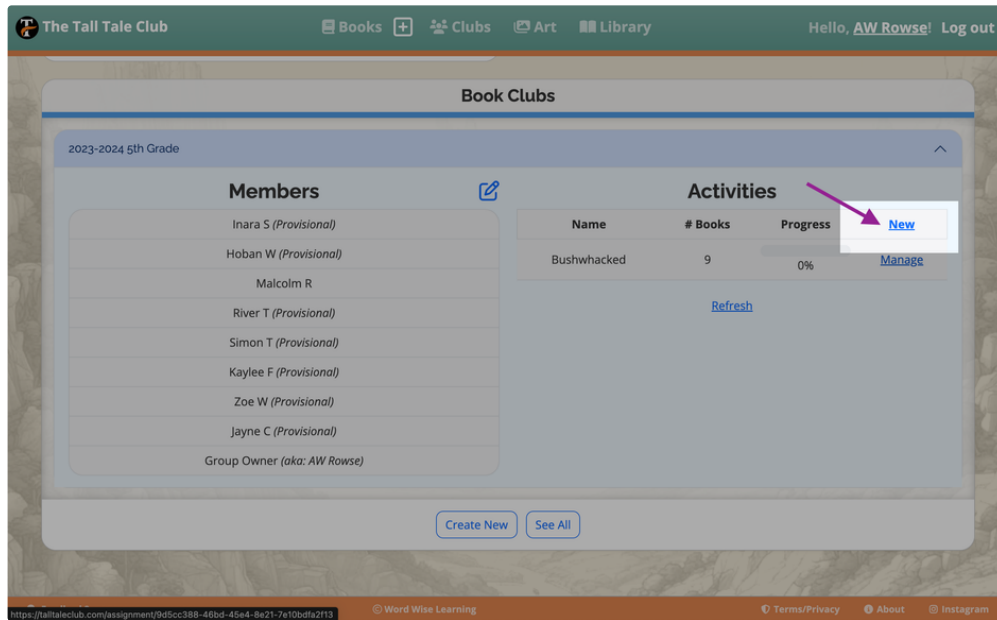

4. Follow the Book Wizard steps to set-up your book.
5. NEW: Custom Instructions
   There is a new screen called "Custom Instructions." All inputs are optional. This allows you to narrow down any aspect of the book. There is a section for Characters, Setting and Plot (Ghostwriter).

   Examples:
   Character: "… characters are all reptiles"
   Setting: "…reptiles live"
   Ghostwriter: "The characters must solve a problem caused by weather"
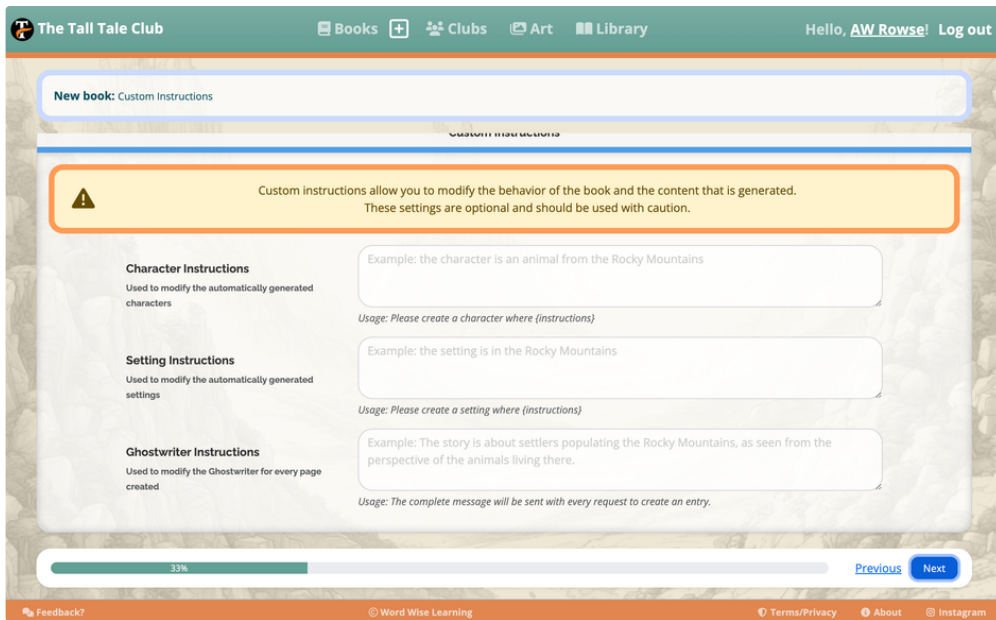
6. End: On the last screen you will be asked if you want to start the Activity immediately. It is defaulted to YES. Leaving this on will cause the Activity to appear on your student's accounts and allow them to begin work on the book. If you want to start the Activity later, de-select this option.
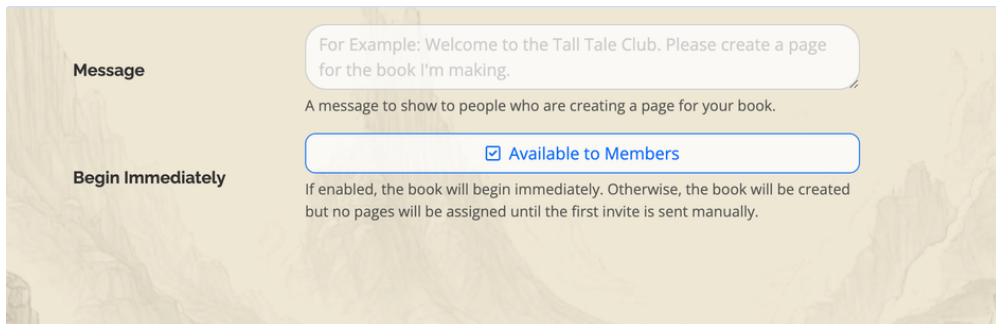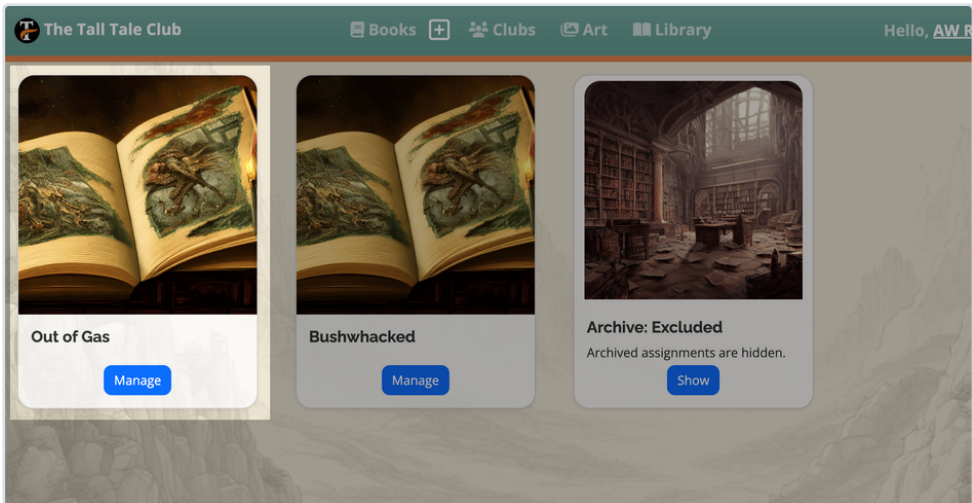

Starting An Assignment

1. If you selected to start the Activity immediately on the last step of the Book Wizard, you don't have to take any action. Students can begin their work by going to "Book" area of the app.

2. If you disabled "Begin Immediately"
   a. Select "Clubs" in the top navigation, then select "Club Activities" / "Open"
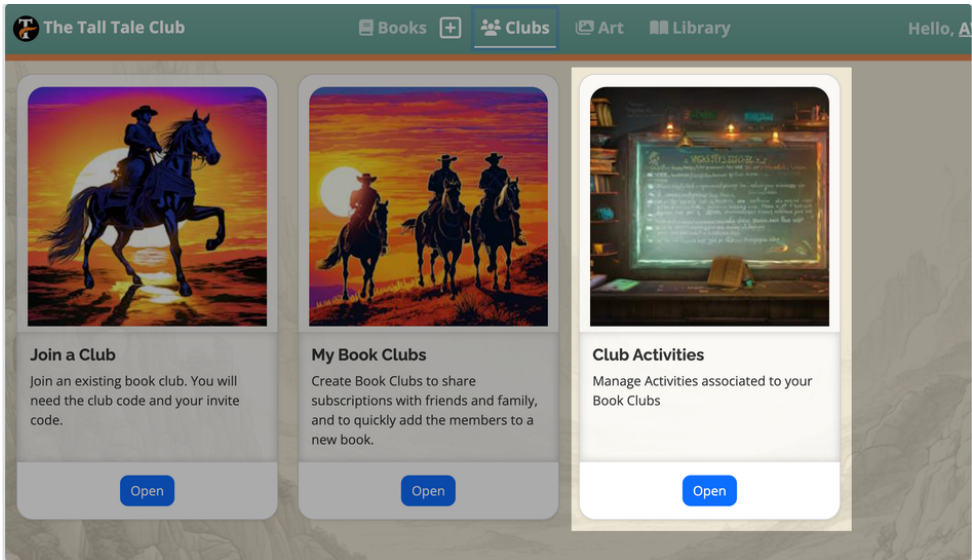
b. Locate your assignment and click "Manage"

c. Click "Begin Activity"
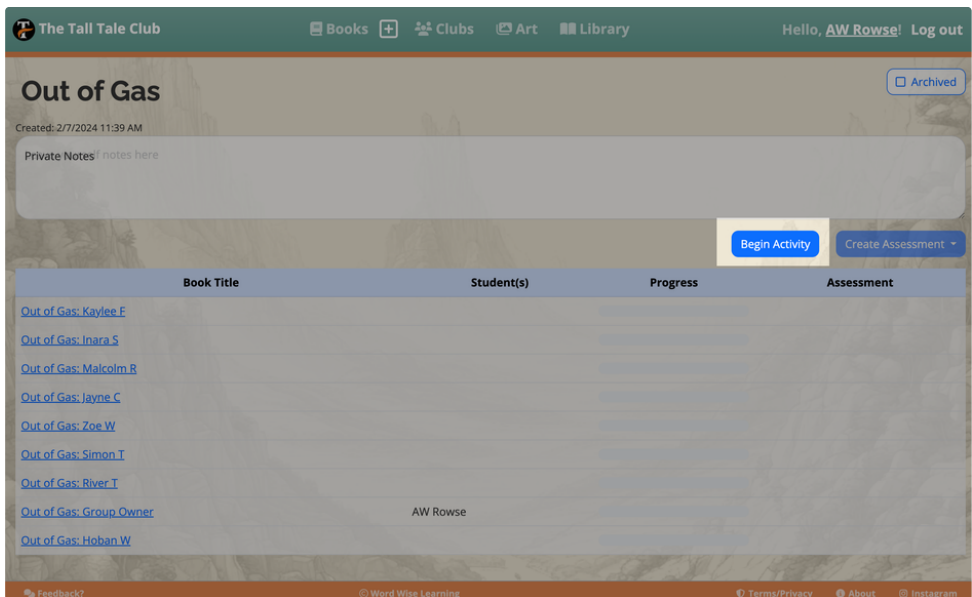
d. From this dashboard, you can monitor your student's progress.