

The bridges along the Singapore River were once sites of communal and commercial activity and platforms and facilitators of these social and economic events. These bridges still serve as connectors today, but the social settings have changed. Check out some of these resources that inspired me in my artwork!



Courtesy of National Archives of Singapore

Storytelling along Singapore River
<https://cutt.ly/OY9zF56>

With limited entertainment options available, many were drawn to storytellers at Read Bridge, a spot where people could relax and socialise.



Ronni Pinsler Collection,
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A stall selling cigarettes and tidbits around Ord Bridge/Clarke Quay
<https://cutt.ly/XY9x08K>

As bustling sites that facilitated trade, it was not uncommon to come across stalls and small businesses near bridges.

Audio Archive: Interview with Chua Joo Siang

Chua Joo Siang shares how he came to Singapore, his life along the river, his experience listening to a storyteller on Read Bridge, and how he became a storyteller himself.

CHUA Joo Siang 蔡如祥 Vanishing Trades, Accession Number 000814
<https://cutt.ly/QY9x28C>

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