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National Simultaneous Storytime

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Activity Ideas NSS 2017 – The Cow Tripped Over the Moon

To ensure you, your school, community or library have loads of fun for National Simultaneous Storytime 2017, we have compiled a list of resources and activity ideas that are sure to keep you busy before, during and after storytime.

Preparing for NSS

Before the fun of National Simultaneous Storytime, it's a great idea to create artwork for the day and decorate! Take a look at some of our 'create and decorate' ideas.

Create things that align with the themes of the book, like **perseverance, friendship and triumph**.

- o Draw the characters in the book, cow, cat, dog, dish, spoon.
- o Finger puppets! Use our [template here](#) and show us your version of the story!
- o Friendship activities, great printable sheets [here](#) and [here](#)
- o *The Cow Tripped Over The Moon* Paper Plate [activity](#)
- o Other paper plate and spoon craft ideas: [Idea 1](#) | [Idea 2](#) | [Idea 3](#) | [Idea 4](#) | [Idea 5](#)
- o [Phases of the moon craft](#)
- o [The Cow Tripped Over the Moon find-a-word](#)

Participate

On the day, it's a fantastic opportunity to explore the themes of the book and do some activities that remind us of them. Here are some simple ideas and activities that you can do during and after National Simultaneous Storytime.

Activities that remind us of the topics learnt in *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon*

- o The author likes to use rhymes in the book, how about getting the children to write a rhyming poem about what they want to achieve?
- o *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon* [reading comprehension activities](#)
- o Play friendship games! Some ideas [here](#)
- o Introduce the theme of perseverance and challenge the kids to try something new!
- o Research the history of the rhyme *The Cow Jumped Over the Moon*.

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- The characters help Cow jump over the moon, introduce team activities that encourage team work and helping each other.
- Read other books by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood including, *Emo the Emu*, *The Princess and the Packet of Frozen Peas*, *Harry Highpants*, *Echidna Jim Went For A Swim*, and *Lucy In The City*.

Discussion ideas for your classroom or library

- Challenge: before reading the book, ask how many attempts it took Cow to jump the moon?
- During or after the book ask some more questions. What are you trying to achieve at the moment? What achievement are you most proud of so far?
- Discuss the purpose and importance of perseverance.
- Cow's friends encouraged and helped her to keep trying. Discuss what friendship means to you.

Author and illustrator resources

Tony Wilson and Laura Wood have other fantastic books, as mentioned above. To find out more about these fun books check out their websites below.

- Tony Wilson - <http://tonywilson.com.au/>
- Laura Wood - <http://www.laurawoodillustration.com/>

Songs and Rhymes

Night Sky nursery rhymes:

- [Hey Diddle Diddle](#)
- [I See the Moon](#)
- [Man in the Moon](#)
- [Star Light, Star Bright](#)
- [Twinkle Twinkle Little Star](#)

Night Sky poems:

- [The Lost Balloon](#)
- [The New Moon](#)
- [The Owl and The Pussycat](#)
- [What If?](#)
- [Who Was It?](#)

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Story Matches – Books with similar themes or categories

- o *Emo the Emu* by Tony Wilson
- o *The Emperor's New Clothes Horse* by Tony Wilson
- o *Eve and Elly* by Mike Dumbleton
- o *Fatty Cat* by Simon Montgomery
- o *A Hare, a Hound and Shy Mousey Brown* by Julia Hubery
- o *Penguins Can't Fly* by Richard Byrne
- o *Sorry!* by Norbert Landa
- o *Friends: Snake and Lizard* by Joy Cowley

Publicity ideas

NSS is a fantastic opportunity to show off what you and your workplace or community have got up to for National Simultaneous Storytime. It's a fantastic chance to promote the value of literacy and reading, and get your event in the media. Here are some ideas to get you started.

Invite a VIP guest reader to your event. Feel free to use the [NSS letterhead](#) to write your invitation letter.

Invite the media. The media loves colourful, feel-good stories and being in the newspaper, news website or even on television news can be a lot of fun! With your NSS posters and balloons, your VIP guest reader and your participants dressed up in masks and costumes there will be lots of moments to create a positive media story. Use your networks or build new connections with your local media outlets to help us promote literacy and reading to Australian children.

After the event

Share in the fun

When National Simultaneous Storytime passes, there's only another year to wait until the next one! But it's important to reflect on what a wonderful time you and your participants had listening to the book, and learning about perseverance, friendship and triumph! How about encouraging your participants to share their activities with family and friends? Suggest gifting artwork to parents and relatives.

Share your stories

Don't forget to send photos, videos and newspaper articles from your local media to events@alia.org.au.

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