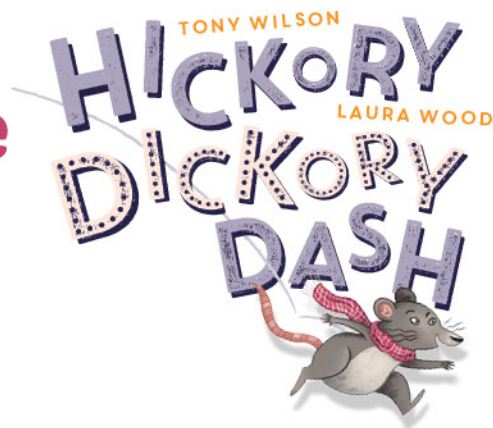


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Activity Ideas NSS 2018 – Hickory Dickory Dash

To ensure you, your school, community or library have loads of fun for National Simultaneous Storytime 2018, 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.

- o Make a clock and learn how to tell time [Idea 1](#) [Idea 2](#) [Idea 3](#)
- o Make finger puppets with templates [here](#)
- o Great activity ideas and printable sheets are available [here](#) and [here](#)
- o Find a word in [Hickory Dickory Dash Find-a-word sheet](#)
- o Make your own puppets with [Hickory Dickory Dash finger puppets](#)

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 *Hickory Dickory Dash*

- o Hear other verses of the poem 'Hickory Dickory Dock' and learn how the words rhyme
- o Practice your counting skills with everyone's mouse finger puppets
- o Learn how to tell time with the clock and learn what happened each hour
- o Follow the mother mouse's journey around the house, and discuss what you can find in each room/area

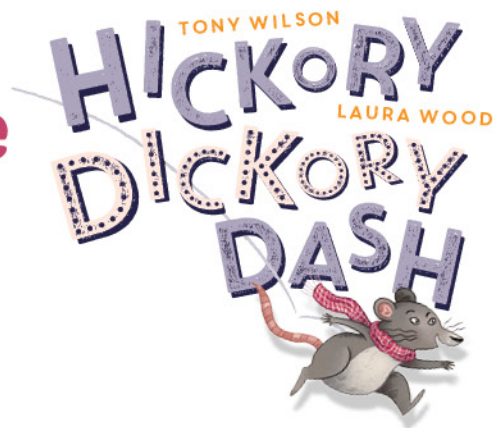
Songs and Rhymes

- o *The Little Mouse*
- o *Three Blind Mice*
- o *I have seen you, little mouse*
- o *Pussy cat, pussy cat*
- o *The clock*



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Story Matches – read other fantastic books by Tony Wilson

- o *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon*
- o *Emo the Emu*
- o *The Emperor's New Clothes Horse*

Author and illustrator resources

To find out more about the author and the illustrator of *Hickory Dickory Dash*, please visit the website.

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

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 reading the book. 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.

