

# THERE IS STILL TIME TO PREPARE FOR NSS 2018

**N**ational Simultaneous Storytime is 23 May 2018, here is what you need to know to prepare for the big day.

Every year we choose a picture book, written by an Australian author, to be read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops as well as many other places around the country. Now in its 18th year, National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that promotes the value of reading and literacy, using a book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

By creating and delivering NSS, ALIA aims to get as many people reading as possible while also promoting the valuable contributions that libraries make to our communities. This includes showcasing the value of reading and literacy, promoting the value and fun of books, and promoting Australian writers and publishers. NSS also promotes storytime activities across the country, providing the opportunity to involve families, the media and others to participate in reading to young people.

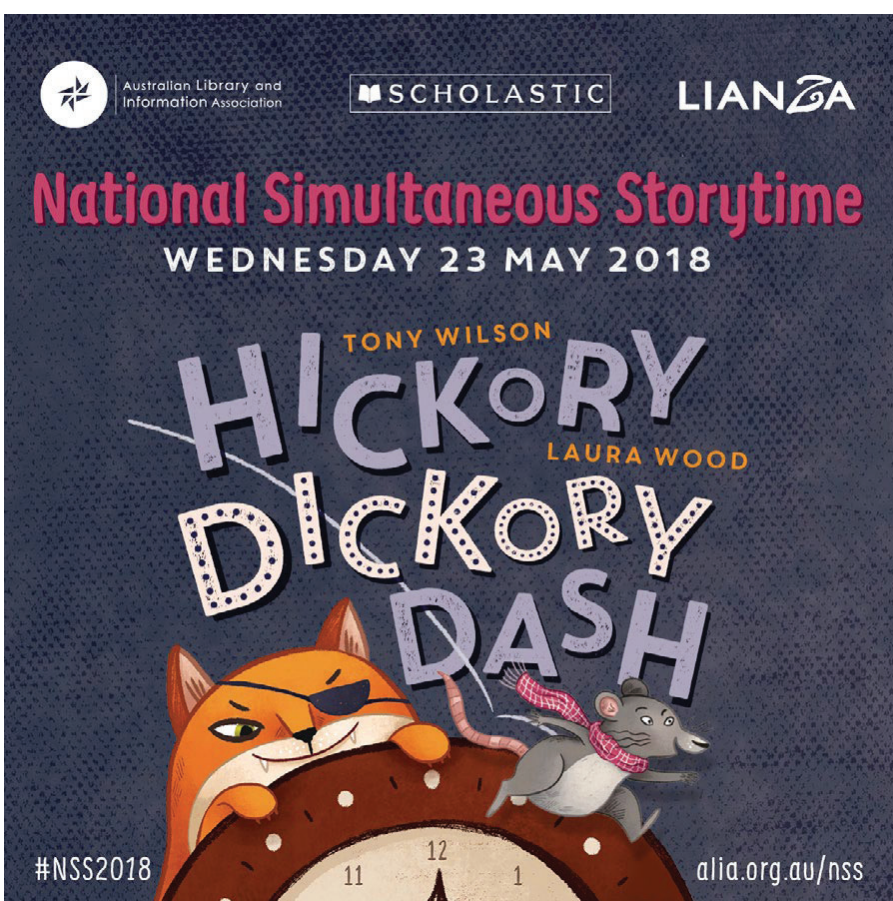
NSS 2017 was the biggest and most successful to date with 686,324 registered participants at over 6,000 locations.

In 2018 we officially welcome communities in New Zealand participating in NSS for the first time thanks to the support of the Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA). With the addition of communities across New Zealand we aim to break 750,000 registered participants this year.

NSS takes place on Wednesday 23 May 2018 at 11am wherever you are in Australia and we would love it if you could join us in reading *Hickory Dickory Dash*, written by Tony Wilson and illustrated by Laura Wood. If you [register to participate](#) (it's free) then on Monday 21 May 2018 we will send you a variety of electronic downloads to support your NSS event, including a [Story Box Library](#) video of a Jay Laga'aia reading the book. Please ensure that you register before Monday 21 May 2018 as we email out the digital copies of the book to all registered participants then and would hate for you to miss out. Please note that digital presentations of the book will be available only until Friday 25 May 2018. You can [order print copies](#) of the book online or the title can be found in most major book retailers.

Anyone can participate in NSS, it doesn't matter whether you are registering a home, a school, a public library or even a university library. You could invite a local school group into your workplace for an NSS morning tea, have some fun with your staff at an early lunchbreak, or even help those in need by donating a copy of the book to your local library or childcare centre. There are endless ways to support all the good that is generated by NSS.

To help prepare you for NSS 2018, ALIA and Scholastic Australia, with thanks to Tony Wilson and Laura Wood, have prepared a range of resources to help you make the most of the day. Including a video from Tony Wilson and his family, with more available on the [ALIA YouTube Channel](#). Please note that







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If you're looking to promote NSS in your library, you can purchase a range of items from the ALIA shop. There are stickers, pencils, and even balloons that can help make the day special. The NSS 2018 poster is particularly wonderful,

measuring 560mm x 420mm, it's a great way to establish that your library will be one of the thousands participating in NSS 2018 across Australia and New Zealand. Also available are special Hickory Dickory Dash badges, sold in packs of 10, they will help to put a smile on any face.

Apart from making your event look good, there are also many items available to make NSS 2018 a special day for all involved. There are craft activities available on the [NSS website](#) where you can download printable files containing instructions to create cut out finger puppets, or download and print find-a-words for participants to enjoy. You can also encourage participants to create clock faces with moveable hands or dramatise the book and host a performance of it alongside the reading. And of course there are [Teacher's Notes](#) to accompany the book to make sure that you are able to get the most out of the NSS experience. There are endless possibilities as to what you can help your NSS 2018 participants do with Hickory Dickory Dash during this year's NSS, so make sure to let ALIA know what you are up to by using the hashtag #NSS2018 on all your social media in the lead up to NSS 2018.

We hope that you will also take part in NSS in 2018 and help us create a new record for registered participants and make this the biggest and most successful National Simultaneous Storytime yet. 🌟

# National Simultaneous Storytime

## WEDNESDAY 23 MAY 2018





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