

LEAPING off the page

'Leaping off the Page' is designed to introduce young readers to the magical world hidden within books as they witness stories leaping into three dimensional performances. 'Leaping off the Page' is not about Deafness or Sign Language per se, rather it presents a style of theatre that is inherently 'deaf' performed by professional Deaf actors - ie the style has its origin in the way deaf people use gestures, mime & facial expressions to complement Sign Language.

Book List

To maximise enjoyment and understanding for the children, we recommend teachers read the books in class. Studying the books can include asking children what is going to happen next during the first reading, talk about what happened in the plot and/or organising children to draw a favourite scene (this will help establish a visual connection with the story).

1. **'Who Sank the Boat?' by Pamela Allen.**
Five farmyard animals (a cow, a donkey, a sheep, a pig and a tiny mouse) decide to go on a beautiful boat ride. But these crazy animals have a little problem with balance and combined weight.
2. **'One Wolly Wombat' by Rod Trinca & Kerry Argent.**
A quick fun story that employs Australia's native animals and their unique characteristics to count to fourteen
3. **'I Want My Potty' by Tony Ross.**
A fun little story about a princess who reluctantly starts using the potty and finally cherishes it.
4. **'Big Dog' by Libby Greder.**
The big dog down the street (behind the fence) poses a scary obstacle for some children. The children decide to scare the dog back. When bravely walking down the street to execute their plan, the children come across the dog out on the street and have to face their worst fears.



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