



# WISCONSIN FILM FESTIVAL

## Exploratory Resources for 2020 Big Streams, Little Folks

Explore the characters and ideas in each *Big Streams, Little Folks* video with activities for the younger members of the family and articles for parents. New links and activities will be posted with each film as it streams.

### Program 3 Resources

#### Shorter and Sweeter

**Ages 4 and above**

##### ***Slurp***

**Director:** Florent Hill

Discovery Film Festival is Scotland's International Film Festival for Young Audiences. Wisconsin Film Festival's *Big Screens, Little Folks* often screens films that also appear in the Discovery Festival. Here is the Discovery's Resource Pack for *Slurp* created by Meg Brough. (We have removed the Scottish curriculum standards.)

Special thanks to Mike Tait, Discovery's Cinema Youth Development Officer and Festival Producer, for permission to post this resource: <https://2020.wifilmfest.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/1266/2020/04/Slurp.pdf>

#### Short and Sweet

**Ages 8 and above**

##### ***Uncle Thomas: Accounting for the Days***

**Director:** Regina Pessoa

In this film, the young girl struggles to understand her uncle's obsessive behavior. Author Daniela Payne quotes Jill Dennison, a mental health promotion and resilience facilitator at the Canadian Mental Health Association, based in Hamilton, Ontario in this article for *Today's Parent*.

Dennison explains that "kids should understand that mental health means having a balance in life, and this balance looks different for everyone." Payne and Dennison suggest ways to talk to children about mental health.

<https://www.todayparent.com/kids/kids-health/how-to-talk-about-mental-health-with-your-kids/>

#### Wisconsin Film Festival

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Nathalie Maragoni, a therapist based in California, offers some ideas for teaching children about their own intrusive thoughts and anxiety.

<https://www.madeofmillions.com/articles/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-their-ocd>

Numbers can be fun! **PBS Kids** provides entertaining math games for younger children.

<https://pbskids.org/games/math/>

**Red Tricycle** has collected math games for a range of ages and interests.

<https://redtri.com/math-games-for-kids/slide/1>

While there is no arithmetic required to complete a Sudoku puzzle, mathematical thinking and deductive reasoning is required. The article “Simple Sudoku Instructions for Children” on the **Sciencing** website helps explain the puzzle-solving process.

<https://sciencing.com/simple-sudoku-instructions-children-7636291.html>

“Sudoku for Kids” provides easy, medium, and hard puzzles for beginners.

<https://www.puzzles-to-print.com/printable-sudokus/sudokus-for-kids.shtml>

Director Regina Passoa describes the long journey she travelled in making *Uncle Thomas* in an article for the **Animation World Network**.

<https://www.awn.com/animationworld/filmmakers-journey-honor-loved-one-uncle-thomas-accounting-days>