



16th International Toy Library Conference

Community at play

3-7 March 2023 Melbourne, Australia



Friday, 3 March 2023

Arrow on Swanston, 488 Swanston St (north entrance), Carlton

Enter via north entrance, descend to lower ground floor

Sessions for some attendees

Time	Item	Attendees
12:30 – 14:30	ITLA Board meeting (TBC)	ITLA Board
15:00 – 16:00	Continental meetings	American, European, African and Asian toy librarians

Sessions for all attendees

Time	Item
15:00 – 18:45	Registration – collect name tag and delegates bag
18:45 – 19:00	Seat delegates and guests
19:00 – 19:10	Welcome and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Debbie Williams, CEO Toy Libraries AustraliaDr Monica Stach, President, International Toy Library Association
19:10 – 19:15	Welcome to Country
19:15 – 19:25	Dancing by Djirri Djirri
19:25 – 19:40	<i>Community at Play</i> , The Hon. Amanda Rishworth, MP Minister for Social Services
19:40 – 19:50	Showcase of Australian toy libraries
19:50 – 20:20	<i>Play, neuroscience, and the power of 30 minutes</i> , Robyn Monro Miller AM, President, International Play Association
20:20 – 20:30	Preview of the conference and close
20:30 – 21:00	Networking



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Saturday, 4 March 2023

Time	Item
8:30 – 9:00	Registration, networking
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and getting to know you
9:15 – 9:45	Play as a protective shield: The experience of the Neighborhood Juegotecas Program in the pandemic context, Lic Virginia Guardia et al (Argentina)
9:45 – 10:05	Toy Well Program, Diane Bish and Vicki Haynes, (Australia)
10:05 – 10:10	Move it!
10:10 – 10:30	Supporting play with medical toys, Belinda Dean (Australia)
10:30 – 11:00	Morning tea/visit displays
11:00 – 12:00	Breakout sessions
	A1. Cotlands: digitizing toy library operational systems and services, Venessa T'Hart and Dr Monica Stach (South Africa)
	A2. Marketing your toy library at (almost) zero cost, Boryana Levterova (Bulgaria)
	B. Around the world in 80 games: Discovering games from all continents you can make yourself, Dominique Dumeste (France)
	C1. Benefits of Kindness within the Toy Library Community, Larissa Dunn (New Zealand) C2. NAVES toy libraries, scenarios to prevent violence against children and adolescent, Angela Nieto et al (Colombia)
	D. Ethical toy purchasing, Dr Renae Barker (Australia)
12:00 – 12:15	Afternoon preview
12:15 – 13:45	Lunch, networking and play
13:45 – 13:50	Welcome back
13:50 – 14:50	Environmentally sustainable toys panel discussion Erin Rhoads (Australia), Wei-Ting Chang (R.O.C. Taiwan), Datan PH Wong (Malaysia), Helen Townsend (New Zealand)
14:50 – 15:05	Play break
15:05 – 15:35	Pretend play, Prof Karen Stagnitti (Australia)
15:40 – 16:00	Playing solidarity! Solidarity, citizenship and interculturality in toy libraries, Dr Israel Vergara Alvarez (France)
16:00 – 16:20	Visualising the Cockburn Toy Library's terms and conditions, Prof Camilla Andersen and Dr Renae Barker (Australia)
16:20 – 16:30	Close
16:30 – 18:00	Networking and play
18:00	Social event (separate ticket needed) Dinner and Awards Night, Captain Melville, 34 Franklin St, Melbourne



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Sunday, 5 March 2023

Buses leave from Ibis Melbourne, 15-21 Therry Street, Melbourne and return to both the Ibis and the Melbourne Bowls Club at 17:00

Itinerary 1 – Melbourne early years highlights

Visit Melbourne's toy libraries, playgroups, playgrounds and other early years venues

Itinerary 2– Volunteer run toy libraries

Head down to the Geelong area to visit successful toy libraries run by volunteer committees as well as the large Little Buddies Toy Library

Itinerary 3– Toy libraries of SE Melbourne

See a variety of toy libraries in Melbourne's south east suburbs that have paid staff

Social event (separate ticket needed)

17:00 – 2100 Barefoot bowls and BBQ, City of Melbourne Bowls Club



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Monday, 6 March 2023

Time	Item
8:00 – 8:50	ITLA General Meeting (ITLA members only)
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome
9:05 – 9:35	PEEP Learning Together Program , Claire Georgiou (Australia)
9:35 – 9:55	1000 Play Streets , Kieran Brophy (Australia)
9:55 – 10:00	Move it!
10:00 – 11:00	Breakout sessions
	A1. Gender perspectives in play – the path of Buenos Aires toy libraries , Lic Virginia Guardia et al (Argentina)
	A2. Jugar, recuperar, implicar , M ^a Adoración (Dora) Marrero Brito (Spain)
	B. Building stronger connections between Australian toy libraries and playgroups Deborah Njegac and Louise Bell(Australia)
	C. Tell me what you want, what you really really want - UX Design in a toy library , Ceire Hopley (New Zealand)
	D. Stonework play: nurturing creative expression & nature connection through play & storytelling , Tania Moloney (Australia)
11:00 – 11:30	Morning tea & visit displays
11:30 – 13:00	Breakout sessions
	A. The importance of toy libraries as community building and community strengthening levers: a Flemish example , Karolien Schotte (Belgium)
	B. Toy libraries as a source of games creation. Strategies of design for increasing your stock of boardgames , Dr Israel Vergara Alvarez (France)
	C1. Correlating accessibility with membership growth , Amelia Pohl, Emily Wheeler and Amy Williams (Australia)
	C2. Self-directed block play at Green Hat Workshops: learning that is caught not taught , Cam Lee (Australia)
	D1. Making toys from recycled materials , Yakuta Takamura (Japan)
	D2. Recycled Games , Lize Marais (South Africa)
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch, networking and play



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Monday, 6 March 2023 (continued)

Time	Item
14:30 – 15:15	Continental presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Africa• Americas• Asia• Europe
15:15 – 15:45	Cultural Exchanges in Play Culture Tango between Taiwan and Argentina , Dream Lin and Grace Columbia Su (R.O.C. Taiwan)
15:45 – 15:50	Move it!
15:50 – 16:35	ITLA Closing Ceremony
16:35 – 17:00	Evaluation, wrap up and prizes
17:00 – 17:45	Networking and play
18:00	Social event (separate ticket needed) Walking tours leave from Arrow on Swanston at 17:45 or meet at Federation Square at 18:00

Displays

Taking the toy library to rural remote communities, Paula Jones (Australia)

Games and toys laboratory for sustainability. The path of the Juegotecas Barriales Program, Lic Virginia Guardia, Fabiana Orge, Anahi Kuiyan, Alicia Small, Cecilia Bayarri, Lidia Arrausi (Argentina)

Wooden Toys Creation Competition in Taiwan: A supporting system of enriching playing materials for Toy Library, Wei-Ting Chang and Professor Yung-Chih Lin (R.O.C. Taiwan)

Toy recycling system and the carbon footprint in Taiwan, Wei-Ting Chang and Professor Yung-Chih Lin (R.O.C. Taiwan)

Toy mobile service: A multifunctional, interesting, and popular service to reach rural area and the disadvantaged, Wei-Ting Chang and Professor Yung-Chih Lin (R.O.C. Taiwan)

Nurture in Nature: Outdoor Play & Learning Resources for Kids and Communities, Tania Moloney (Australia)

Resources rescue, M^a Adoración (Dora) Marrero Brito (Spain)



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Tuesday, 7 March 2023 – Australian Toy Fair

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf VIC 3006

The Toy Fair is on from Sunday 5 March to Wednesday 8 March; however, we have planned for toy librarians to visit the toy fair on Tuesday 7 March. You can explore the Toy Fair independently or meet others at the entrance at 9:00 to explore together.

The Toy Fair is very big, but we will provide a guide to the suppliers who will be displaying toys used in Australian toy libraries.

There are **no toy sales** at the fair, although Australian toy libraries will be able to access toy fair discounts for orders placed during the toy fair and delivered after the fair.

Time	Item
9:00	Meet outside the main door if you would like to visit the Toy Fair with other toy librarians
12:30 – 13:30	Informal lunch at the Boatbuilders Yard, 23 South Wharf (just outside the Toy Fair) <i>Note: lunch not included in conference fees</i>
17:00	Toy Fair closes