



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 – 15:30	ITLA Board meeting (TBC)	ITLA Board
16:00 – 17:00	Continental meetings	American, European, African and Asian toy librarians

Sessions for all attendees

Time	Item
15:30 – 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 (Mandy Nicholson)
19:15 – 19:25	Biik (Country) Dance 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	Building authentic relationships with Aboriginal Families and Communities , Annette Sax (Australia)
9:45 – 10:05	Toy Well Program , Vicki Haynes, (Australia)
10:05 – 10:10	Move it! with Bluey and Beth
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 , Dr Monica Stach (South Africa)
	A2. Marketing your toy library at (almost) zero cost , Boryana Levterova (Bulgaria)
	B. Discovering games from all continents that you can make yourself with nature and recycling , 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 adolescents , Angela Nieto (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), Datin PH Wong (Malaysia), Helen Townsend (New Zealand)
14:50 – 15:05	Play break
15:05 – 15:35	Explaining pretend play and what skills different toys encourage in children , Prof Karen Stagnitti (Australia)
15:35 – 16:00	Playing solidarity! Solidarity, citizenship and interculturality in toy libraries , Dr Israel Vergara Alvarez (France)
15:55 – 16:15	Visualising the Cockburn Toy Library's terms and conditions , Prof Camilla Andersen and Dr Renae Barker (Australia)
16:15 – 16:30	Close
16:30 – 17:30	Networking, play and helping the organising committee pack up!
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 – Excursion

Buses leave from outside the Old Melbourne Gaol, 377 Russell St, Melbourne between 9:00am and 9:40am. They will return to both the Gaol and the Melbourne Bowls Club between 16:30 and 17:00.

Do not be late as the buses won't wait!

Itinerary 1 – Melbourne early years highlights

This tour was designed with international delegates in mind, taking you not just to toy lending libraries, but also playgroups and other early years venues.

1. Natureplay at Royal Park

This playground encourages risky play amongst native and indigenous plants. Divided into different zones, children can explore play without predefined guidelines.

2. Playgroup at Bubup Womindjeka Family and Children's Centre

Playgroup gives families a space and time to focus on playing and spending time with their child alongside other families. They bring young children, families, and communities together to learn and develop through informal play activities and interaction. Playgroups at Bubup are self-facilitated in a purpose-built space.

3. Moorabbin Area Toy Library

2022 Toy Library of the Year with paid staff. The toy library was proactive in adapting to the changing conditions during COVID and built strong relationships with community groups, council and local MPs.

4. TwistED Science

Explore all the fun of science through play. Discover ideas on how you can encourage STEM in your toy library.

5. Melbourne Community Toy Library – Carlton Branch

2023 is going to be a big year of change for the toy library. After having been a volunteer run service for 21 years, the toy library will be transitioning a new model of operation bringing them close to the City of Melbourne

Itinerary 2– West-side volunteer run toy libraries

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

1. Truganina South Toy Well

The Toy Well model offers a free toy lending service to members of the school community with pre-school children. Located in school community hub, it is integrated with the hub playgroup and other services.

2. Grovedale Toy Library

While this library turned over 75% of its members during COVID they grew 151% last year and are going strong. Offering 1200+ toys to the 131 members during 3.5 hours of operations a week.

3. Belmont Toy Library

A smaller toy library open one session a week, with a focus on engaging their members and public on social media.

4. Little Buddies Toy Library, Point Cook branch

One of the largest libraries in the country. Spread across two branches with over 660 member families, and 3622+ toys. Point Cook branch is a set up, pack up library in a community centre.

Itinerary 3– Toy libraries of South East Melbourne

See a variety of mid-sized toy libraries with staff in Melbourne's south east suburbs, as well as the volunteer-run Mornington TL.

1. Knox Toy Library

The toy library has just under 200 members and nearly 3000 items, which it offers to members over 8 hours a week. The garden space here means they are able to hold events easily on site

2. Springvale Service for Children Toy Library

In a community owned children's centre, this toy library is in pride of place at the front of the building. With a 1500+ collection available for its 150 member families. Open nearly every day.

3. Mornington Toy Library

With 140+ members this toy library is open 6 hours a week and is entirely volunteer operated.

4. Kingston Toy Library

Grants have allowed the library to improve their infrastructure. With 1 employee, up to 12 regular community volunteers the library opens 8 hours a week.

Social event (separate ticket needed): 17:00 – 2100 Barefoot bowls and BBQ, City of Melbourne Bowls Club



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8:15 – 8:55	ITLA General Meeting (ITLA members only)
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome
9:05 – 9:35	PEEP Learning Together Program , Claire (Australia)
9:35 – 9:55	1000 Play Streets , Kieran Brophy (Australia)
9:55 – 10:00	Move it! with Bluey
10:00 – 11:00	Breakout sessions
	A1. Exploring the power of technology to improve communication and training for volunteers and staff - Kiara Jones (Australia) A2. Play, recover, involve (jugar, recuperar, implicar), M ^a Adoración Marrero Brito (Fasnia, Tenerife, Spain)
	B. Tell me what you want, what you really really want - UX Design in a toy library , Ceire Hopley (New Zealand)
	C. Evidence on playgroups and how toy libraries and playgroups can work closer together – Leanne Dhami and Claire Georgiou (Australia)
	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. Be or not to be? Toy libraries as a source for serious games and its potential for creating your own stock of boardgames , Dr Israel Vergara Alvarez (France)
	C1. Correlating accessibility with membership growth , 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 , Yutaka 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 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)

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)

Sources rescue, M^a Adoración Marrero Brito (Fasnia, Tenerife, 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

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9:00 – 11:00	New ITLA Board meeting	New ITLA Board