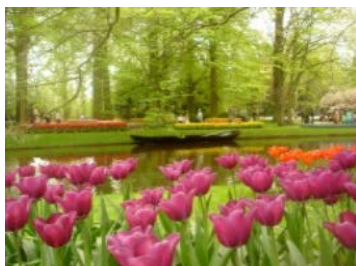


Newsletter of International Toy Library Association

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## ITLA Newsletter September 2016

Dear ITLA members, welcome to your September newsletter. In this issue we feature the **2017 ITLA Conference**, which is happening May 10-13 in The Netherlands. There is information about the program of events, and a discussion of the situation of Dutch toy libraries.

Also in this issue:

- Reports from the recent Asian Toy Library Association conference and European Toy Library meeting as well as country reports presented at the ETL meeting
- Youtube profiles of toy libraries in Telechiu, Romania and Nagyecséd, Hungary, run the by Roma Education Fund
- A review of a toy for playing with geometries and imagination
- An invitation to play from Interlude in Bordeaux, France

The ITLA newsletter is for sharing your knowledge and experiences of toy libraries and play. Please forward this newsletter to toy libraries in your network. **We'd love to hear from you.**

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## Renewing your membership

**Is your membership due?** If you have received a renewal notice from ITLA, please attend to this promptly. Your support is appreciated, and needed to continue ITLA's mission. For more information, please contact the [ITLA membership officer](#).

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## 14th ITLA Conference 2017

10-13 May *Corpus Congress Centre*

### You are invited

...to the [14th ITLA conference](#). We have great expectations. We will welcome you as our guest. You! Our colleague with an interest in play.



### A varied program

Our [conference program](#) will have discussion, workshops and lots of opportunities to meet and greet. We have invited [inspiring speakers](#) on current topics with new information around play, toys, child involvement and toy libraries. It will be a program for listening and exchange, for visiting, seeing and doing.



### A program in which you are important...

We look forward to meeting you and to showing you our toy libraries. Your opinions, experience managing toy libraries, view of current developments around play are important to share.

We will showcase our toy libraries in movies, photos and excursions. We will inform you and want to hear from you, about new problems and new chances for our communities.

Unicef has stated that the Netherlands has the happiest children in the world - they have endless opportunities; they can play. All true, but we have our problems. Perhaps our children have too much and we need to learn how to let children play with the "less is more" attitude, outside, with their own ideas, with old values in new challenges.

From that perspective we are interested in the goals you have set for your organizations for children's welfare and play.

**Without YOU there will be no conference,  
Therefore... we are looking forward to your contribution.**

## Register Now!

- **Early bird price!** until 31 December 2016
- **Submit to the call for papers**
- Share your opinion, provide your comments on **our website** and write a blog (**contact us**)
- **All members** of a national organization which belongs to ITLA receive a 10% discount on conference fees

Meet, explore and learn! Get inspired and inspire each other with your contribution in any way. We hope to see you May 2017 in the Netherlands!



## **Dutch Toy Libraries, still going, not strong**

by Marianne de Valck posting to [www.itla2017.nl](http://www.itla2017.nl)

To introduce you in our world, in this blog a short introduction about Dutch Toy Libraries, their beginning, development and possibilities.

### **The beginning.....**

In the Netherlands, the first toy libraries were started, half way the seventies of last century. ([read more...](#))

## **Continental Group Reports**

## Asian Toy Library Association Conference

by Wong Poai Hong and Dream Lin

The 5th International Conference of the Asian Toy Library Association (ATLA) was held in Taipei, Taiwan from 18-20 July 2016. Asian countries who attended had opportunities to exchange innovative and creative ideas as well as learn from study visits to different types of toy libraries.

This year's theme was "Infinite Play, Infinite Love". We believe that all children have the right to play - we want to raise the rights for all children's play, to allow all children no matter the circumstance to be able to have fun. ([read more...](#))





Above: Dream Lin hands over the hosting of the next ATLA conference to Edsel Ramirez from the Phillipines.

## European Toy Libraries Meeting

The 20th meeting of the European Group of Toy Libraries was held in Bruges, Belgium, April 15-16, 2016. The meeting featured reports from participating countries, discussion about ETL and ITLA cooperation, and World Play Day events. Country reports on activities in 2015 came from Germany, Cyprus, Switzerland, Greece, Turkey and Portugal, and are available to [read here](#).

Also presented at the meeting was information on folk games from Brittany. Facts on traditional games including rules, origins and photos, were produced by [La Jaupitre](#), an organisation which encourages playing Gallo-Breton sport and games. A visit to their detailed [website](#) is recommended.



European**Toy**Libraries





## Toy Library Profiles

Some links to share. From the [Roma Education Fund](#), watch youtube profiles on their toy library in [Telechiu, Romania...](#)



...and [Nagyecsed, Hungary.](#)

If you use facebook, you can follow the [Roma Toy Library Network](#). You can also watch on youtube a video of the [REF's June conference.](#)



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## Toy Review

by Simon Hall

[Ogobild Pod](#) is a flexible and lightweight geometric construction toy that can be played with outdoors or in. The toy encourages 3D spatial thinking and maths exploration, but it also invites open-ended play. ([read more...](#))



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## An Invitation

from [Interlude Ludothèques](#), Bordeaux, France

Je vous remercie de bien vouloir trouver, ci-joint [une invitation à participer](#), à la formation "animer un atelier de fabrication de jeux" qui se déroulera le **lundi 7 novembre 2016** à la ludothèque de





Bordeaux Bastide...

Bien cordialement

Mme DELEST Séverine  
Assistante de Mme PETIT, Directrice de l'association  
INTERLUDE Ludothèques

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## Seal of Membership

Have you attached an ITLA membership seal to your organisation's publications and websites? To use, just copy the seal pictured across to your files - it's in .jpg format. You can also download:

- [a .pdf version of the seal](#)
- [a .png version of the seal](#)



### Please share this newsletter...

As a member of ITLA you are an international contact point for everyone involved in toy libraries in your country. So please share the information, forward this newsletter and let more toy libraries know about ITLA. Membership to ITLA includes this quarterly newsletter, access to the members section of our website as well as reduced entry to the 2017 conference,



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