

Newsletter of International Toy Library Association

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ITLA Newsletter June/July 2016

Dear ITLA Members, welcome to our latest Newsletter, now formatted for your email inbox. In this issue we feature:

- News from [World Play Day](#), including photos from Brazil, Canada, Mexico and Nepal, as well as Freda Kim's [World Play Day message](#)
- News on the [14th ITLA Conference](#), the Netherlands 10-13 May, including a call for papers
- A report on the ITLA Board of Directors' [interim meeting in Mexico](#)
- A new article on the members site of the ITLA website on the role of [play and toy libraries](#) in closing developmental gaps of children
- An overview of [cloud-based database](#) systems for toy libraries
- An invitation to a [Summer Toy Library University](#) in Brive-la-Gaillarde, France

Please do share your knowledge and experiences of toy libraries and play with us, we'd love to [hear from you](#).

World Play Day Report

by Debbie Williams

Wow! What a great World Play Day! I hope you all had a great time celebrating 'Play for all ages' with your local communities. It's been so exciting to hear what was happening in your country. Explore the [world play day map](#) (you can still add your event too!). Here's a sample of world play day events...



Brazil

ABBrI in association with its partner in the First Childhood National Web held a cultural event at the Brazilian Museum of Sculpture with play activities offered to the public in and around the museum.



Canada

Close to 9,000 people attended the free World Play Day event organised by *la Ludothèque de Sainte-Foy* in the Centre Sportif de Sainte-Foy.



Italy

In a street festival in Latina, in the IAF pavillon, the BG Storico club hosted Wings of Glory games where families and kids played together with the game designer Andrea Angiolino.

Mexico

Mexico Juega and ITLA partnered with the Coyoacan District and Nickelodeon for a huge public event in Frida Kahlo Plaza attended by over 700 people of all ages.





South Africa

Cotlands Cape Town Toy Library hosted 233 children and 50 adults, including volunteers, staff and donors at the Macassar Sports Field.

New Zealand

In New Zealand it was also **Toy Library Awareness week** and many toy libraries held open days and welcomed new families to visit their toy libraries.

Nepal

In Manma, Nepal, on the Karnali Highway, a futsal tournament was organised to celebrate World Play Day. Teams from six different schools competed and a friendship match was organised between members of a youth network, government and non-government organisations.





Tell us about your World Play Day event

We know of 47 countries that celebrated World Play Day, but we're sure there's many more. If your country isn't listed but you celebrated World Play Day, please **let us know**.

- Europe: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey
- Americas: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, United States
- Asia: Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Taiwan
- Oceania: Australia, New Zealand
- Africa: Cameroon, Kenya, South Africa, Zimbabwe

World Play Day Message

by Freda Kim

The theme for this year's WPD has taken on new proportions for my immediate family. We range from 87 years old to just a few months. My husband and I represent the 80s, our children the 30s and 40s, twin granddaughters 17 years old and our dear little new

grandson and playmate born to our son and daughter-in-law in October 2015. You will understand that we agree that “Play is for all ages”. [\[read more on the ITLA website\]](#)



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14th ITLA Conference 2017

10-13 May Corpus Congress Centre

We are happy to invite you to the 14th Toy Library Conference in the Netherlands. We are busy preparing four days of interesting lectures, workshops, presentations, excursions and play!



Website now online

The conference website is now online at: www.itla2017.nl. Here you can find the conference [call for papers](#). Read more about our call for papers [here](#) (pdf).

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!

Conference Mission

Sharing knowledge, experiences and ideas between toy librarians, experts and (social) partners, with a focus on the four pillars of a toy library: play, materials, people and place.

Conference Venue

The Corpus Congress Centre is near the historic city of Leiden, near the coast and tulip fields. It's 45km from Amsterdam, 30km from the Schiphol International Airport (Amsterdam). The

centre is easily accessible by public transport and by car.



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Interim Meeting Mexico City 2016

by Monica Juarez

Following the ITLA constitution, the ITLA Board of Directors (formed at the 2014 Korea Conference), organised for an interim meeting to be held in Mexico City '16-18 months' before the 2017 Netherlands Conference (10-13 May). The meeting opened on Sunday 3 May with a Mexican dinner at Monica Juarez' house. [\[read more in pdf\]](#)



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Toy Libraries and Playful Learning

A new research article has been added to the [members' section](#) of the ITLA website: 'The Role of Play and Toy Libraries in the Youth and Child Care Sector' by Monica Stach.

As Monica writes, 'This article hopes to stimulate discussion and thinking about how child and youth care professionals perform a critical role in advocating for play and, more specifically, are able to close developmental gaps of children through utilising the pedagogy of playful learning supported by a toy library.'

- Read an excerpt of the article [here](#)
- For the full article, [log in](#) to the members' section of the ITLA website



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Putting your Toy Library into the Cloud

by Melissa Makin & Rebecca Ryan

Cloud computing is internet based and performed on a server (a server is just a big computer that is turned on all the time). Using email or facebook is a form of cloud computing: emails and facebook pages are hosted on a server somewhere else in the world and the functions you perform are not processed on your own computing device.

When you use the internet, everything you do on a particular website (pages you access, links you click) can be tracked by the administrator of that website. Cloud computing allows this data to be processed and analysed in real time.

So, how can toy libraries benefit from cloud computing? [\[read more in pdf\]](#)



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Program for Summer Toy Library University

4 - 8 July, 2016

Bonjour,

Nous avons le plaisir de vous adresser le programme très alléchant de l'Université d'Eté des Ludothèques, avec les excuses pour les doublons. Ces rencontres sont agréées par Uniformation (envoyer la demande à votre région) et sont gratuites pour les bénévoles; c'est un précieux moment, riche tant par les contenus que les échanges ! A nous de soutenir le nouvel élan de l'ALF!!!

Cordialement

Le Collectif des Ami-e-s des Ludothèques sur Roues

Download the program of events for the Summer Toy Library University from the [ALF website](#).

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