



IT'S ALMOST THE NEW YEAR!

Let's start with a celebration.

ITLA member Sunny Corner Toy Library just celebrated being open for 35 years. WOW!



SCTL is a not-for-profit organization run by volunteers. It is situated in one of the poorest suburbs of Sydney, Australia, with the second highest birth rate and most ethnically diverse population in the area. SCTL welcomes all residents and visitors from New South Wales. It aims to reach families who cannot afford childcare and may be deprived of social integration. Children under six years old are often raised by grandparents who speak little to no English and have no children their own age to play with.

This multicultural, racially, and ethnically diverse community is the poorest in New South Wales. Community attitudes, social isolation, and the inability to speak English work against these low-income families, blocking their access to resources, social support, and community engagement.

Data reveals that around a third of children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are “developmentally vulnerable”. These children “have not acquired the necessary language, self-help, socio-emotional, cognitive, motor and/or behavioral skills to need to flourish in school and later life.”

Sunny Corner Toy Library aims to address this situation in a fun and welcoming way. It is enchanting and rewarding to see these little ones gaining confidence and communicating with each other with the international language of play.

Inspired by what other toy libraries are doing, Sunny Corner Toy library is looking for ways to combat loneliness and isolation in adults as well, particularly the elderly, by promoting intergenerational play.

They would love to connect with other toy libraries! Please add their email address to your

contact list: coordinator@sunnycornertoylibrary.org.au



Check out these amazing toy libraries in hospitals!

Pune, INDIA



The play therapy department of [Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital](#), Pune, established their toy library with the assistance of Toybank (<http://toybank.org/play>). Toybank sets up play centers for socio-economically disadvantaged children and runs toy distribution programs. This amazing program has created over 285 play centers

India!

Toys donated to the hospital are used to help doctors to conduct play therapy sessions for cancer patients at the hospital.



On Sept 18, Toybank volunteers headed out with toys to set up a toy library for kids at the hospital. Many toys were collected at a toy drive run by IBM volunteers. Toybank volunteers personally donated toys too! Volunteers met with doctors and learned more about the play therapy program. They also visited with the kids.

Ho Chi Min City, VIETNAM



A Toy Library, packed full of colorful toys that teach children about color and spatial perception, is hosted within

Ho Chi Minh City Orthopedics & Rehabilitation Hospital. This is the first toy library in a hospital setting in Vietnam



WWO toy library is integrated into the existing early intervention program of the Hospital's Mental Health Department. It plays a crucial role in improving young patients' development in motor, cognitive, emotional, and social skills. The parents, who play in pairs with their children, benefit from this cathartic experience, as play is the most effective stress relief activity, and *to play is to be healed*.

The toys help children improve the process of thinking and learning, to develop small and large muscle movements, to communicate, and to learn to manage emotions.

Please click here for more detail: <http://vietnamfriendship.vn/WWO-toy-library-brings-one-of-a-kind-to-HCM-City-hospital-01-19611.html?page=82>



The Toy Library is part of the center's program: *The Comprehensive Care for Orphan, Children and Adolescents with Disability and Special Needs*. It is based on a model developed in the U.S. during the Great Depression and another in Scandinavia for children with special needs.

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São Paulo, Brazil



Established in 1998, Brinquedoteca Terapêutica Senninha was the first Toy Library in Brazil!



This model inspired the establishment of a national law requiring all pediatric hospitals to install toy libraries. The ability to play improves patients' quality of life and ability to socialize. It facilitates the exchange of experiences between families. Therapeutic activities like craft workshops are offered as well. The toy library has a paid staff of 2 and 45 volunteers!

More information available here: <http://www.abrinquedoteca.com.br/brinquedotecas3.asp?id=1>
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San Salvador, El Salvador





In 2005, El Salvador established its first hospital toy library in the National Hospital for Children. This pioneering project aims to improve the overall atmosphere of the hospital, help children adapt, and encourage them to cooperate with treatments. Allowing children to play again helps make the hospital experience less traumatic.

Hospital toy libraries work with various teams, like psychologists, physiotherapists and pedagogues. Through skills and knowledge, they enrich play therapy to develop quality interventions. This program uses recreational techniques like clown therapy, art therapy, and music therapy. All of these are known to improve children's health.

This project has been so successful that two additional pediatric toy libraries have been established at other public hospitals. In thirteen years, 1,800 volunteers have helped improve the lives of more than 106,000 children! Play therapy has the capacity to transform the lives of children with chronic diseases. These toy libraries allow children to live with hope and relief, and for some, make their final journey less painful.

More information here: <http://mediolleno.com.sv/ayudando/un-dia-en-la-vida-de-los-ninos-del-hospital>
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Congratulations to ITLA member Niñez Primero for leading this effort. <http://ninezprimero.org>



Toy recommendations

Do you have some artist friends or handy volunteers who'd like to make toys to donate? The beautiful toys below are timeless, low-cost, and so beautiful!



***** Don't forget about this amazing upcoming opportunity! *****

The 15th International Toy Library Conference



“Beyond a toy library,
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The International Toy Library Association (ITLA) invites you to the 15th International Toy Library Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa. The conference is planned and hosted by the **Toy Library Association of South Africa (TLASA)** in collaboration with Cotlands and ITLA.

TLASA and ITLA have planned an informative, thought provoking, exciting, and enriching experience. There will be plenty of opportunities to network, discuss, and explore topics relevant to the world of libraries.

Spanish translation will be available for all presentations and workshops.



Excursions include visits to toy libraries, an African braai (barbecue), tea party, and a musical theater experience. There will also be an abundance of delicious African cuisine.



For the first time in ITLA history, there will be a workshop to explore international standards for toy libraries as well as qualifications for toy librarians. Please join us for this "extra" event on July 9th.



Beyond a Toy Library - a sustainable approach
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Johannesburg, South Africa

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submission date for presentations, workshops and posters
has been extended to **31 January 2019**



Click on link to submit: www.cotlands.org.za/itlconference/
Email: 2019itlconference@tlasa.org

"Through the looking glass of a Toy Library – come play with us" | "Ngokubuka esibukweni somtapo wamathoyizi – woza uzodlala nathi"

Dates: Tuesday 9th July to Saturday 13th July 2019 Venue: Monash South Africa University, Ruimsig, Roodepoort
Contact: 2019itlconference@tlasa.org Web: <http://www.cotlands.org.za/itlconference/>

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Questions about the conference?

- ITLA Website: <http://itla-toylibraries.org/home/2018/11/02/the-15th-international-toy-library-conference/>
- Cotland's Website: <https://www.cotlands.org.za/itlconference/>
- Email: itlconference@cotlands.org

Invite others to join ITLA! Please let them know that ITLA members receive a discounted rate on the conference in South Africa.



Just send your friends this link: <http://itla-toylibraries.org/home/become-member/>

Please make a resolution to send us information about your toy libraries in 2019! Are you having an event? Something to celebrate? Pictures to share? We want to feature you



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