

SWITZERLAND

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National toy library association	Verein der Schweizer Ludotheken		
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Services offered by the Association	<p>Standards for toy libraries Different training courses Public relation and support LUDO Journal Support for toy libraries News letters Provide the common logo Website with downloads Nationwide favorable conditions of purchase of toys Third party insurance for all members Tests of new toys on the market National- and World Play day Guidebook e.g. where to get spare parts etc.</p>		
Networking	Member of ITLA; Member of the European Toy Library Group		
Toy Library Information			
Number of known toy libraries	382		
Administration	Toy libraries are run by the community, NGOs, schools, private organisations, tourist organisations. Most are run by volunteers and also mostly by women.		
Communities served (clients)	Swiss Toy Libraries are open to everybody: to persons with and without handicaps, to all ages, to schools, kindergartens, other institutions		
Qualifications of toy librarians	No information at this time		
Conferences	<p>President's conference every 2 years National symposium every 2 years</p>		
Meetings	No information at this time		
Training	<p>Training for toy librarians is offered by the Swiss Association of Toy Libraries. One day Seminars are also held. A certificate of confirmation is provided. Topics include Public speaking, marketing, sponsoring, how to conduct meetings, motivation, time management, etc., old games, board games, what toy at what age etc.</p>		
Specific courses offered are:			
Name of course: How to open a toy library	Duration 1 day	Offered by: SATL	Certificate: confirmation at the end
Content			
Name of course: Basic training	Duration 11 days within a year	Offered by: SATL	Certificate at the end
Content	Everything about play, communication, teamwork, administration, public relations, marketing		

Name of course: Management in non-profit organizations	Duration: 6 days within 6 months	Offered by: SATL	Certificate at the end
Content	Communication, tools for leading, working in teams, conflict management, meetings etc.		
Brief history	The first Toy library opened in 1972. The Swiss Association of Toy Libraries (SATL) was founded in 1980. Since then SATL has been the umbrella organisation for all toy libraries in Switzerland: for German, French, Italian and the Romansh parts of Switzerland		
Vision and mission	The Swiss Association of Toy Libraries is the network for toy libraries in the different regions. The vision or the goal is to be the partner for every organisation concerned with play in Switzerland. To promote play as an important part of the development of children. SATL is known as an important and competent partner to cultural, pedagogical and leisure oriented Institutions.		
Events	World Play Day Events		