

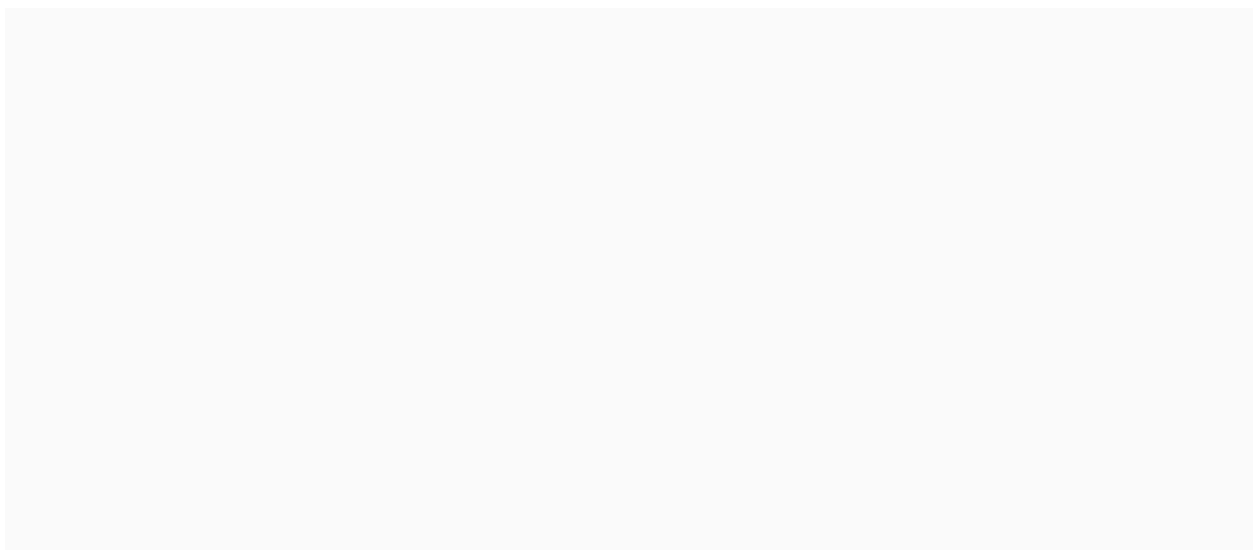
## The December, 2019 ITLA Newsletter



**It's great to be here with you again!**

**Let's start off with a study on toy libraries in hospitals in Brazil.**

**Brazil's hospital toy libraries must hire highly qualified professionals with training on how to select toys as well as cleaning and disinfection procedures.**





**TIPS:**

**\*Toys should be made of durable, washable, and non-**

**porous materials capable of tolerating intense cleaning. They must be inspected frequently for damages.**

**\*Fabric toys are not suitable for use in toy libraries, but are allowed for exclusive use and restricted to patient handling.**

**\*Books should be covered with transparent contact paper and must be sanitized with a 70% alcohol solution after use. If it's not feasible to cover the book, it should be kept in the toy library onl**

**y,**

**where good hand hygiene is required upon entry.**

**\*The daily cleaning routine begins before opening the toy library. A 70% alcohol product and clean cloth must be used for cleaning all furniture and toys before children enter. Use of a gel alcohol dispenser is required at the front door.**

**\*A deep cleaning must be done once per week.**

**\*During cleaning and disinfection, the toy librarian must wear gloves and an apron for his/her protection.**



*The enactment of Brazil's Hospital Toy Libraries Federal Law underpins the importance of offering humane and differentiated care during the hospitalization of children and teenagers. The law decrees that all hospitals offering pediatric care are required to include toy libraries on their premises. Way to go Brazil!*

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French toy librarian Odile Perino created the concept of a "Play Frame," which is quite useful when working with children with

disabilities, as part of a recent European project entitled "Play for Children with Disabilities." <https://www.ludi-network.eu>.

This tool was developed to analyze mainstream toys for use by children with disabilities. The TUET (Toys Usability Evaluation Tool) is available here: [www.tuet.eu](http://www.tuet.eu)



The banner features the TUET logo on the left, which consists of the letters 'TU' above 'ET' inside a white circle. To the right of the logo, the text 'Toys & games Usability Evaluation Tool' is displayed. The background is red and includes illustrations of a teddy bear, a stack of blocks, and a child's face on the right side.

**What is TUET and why has been created?**

TUET (Toys & games Usability Evaluation Tool) is a method of analysis to evaluate play materials by considering the physical characteristics that are relevant for children with hearing, visual, or upper-limb motor impairments. Based on Universal Design principles, this unique tool helps children with the widest range of abilities to play for the sake of play with easily accessible and usable toys and games. A quick analysis with TUET makes the identification of such play materials possible.

TUET represents the final result of a research activity that combined the professional experience of the two important institutions in Europe in the field of toy accessibility and usability—AIJU in Spain and FM2J in France—together with the expertise on children's requirements of HES-50 EESP in Switzerland.

This tool was developed and validated in seven European countries by experts from the COST Action TD1309, LUDI "Play for children with disabilities", between March 2017 and April 2018.

TUET is designed for toy companies, education and rehabilitation professionals, toy librarians, teachers and parents to help them design, select and adapt toys and games to the needs of all children, including those with hearing, visual or motor impairments.

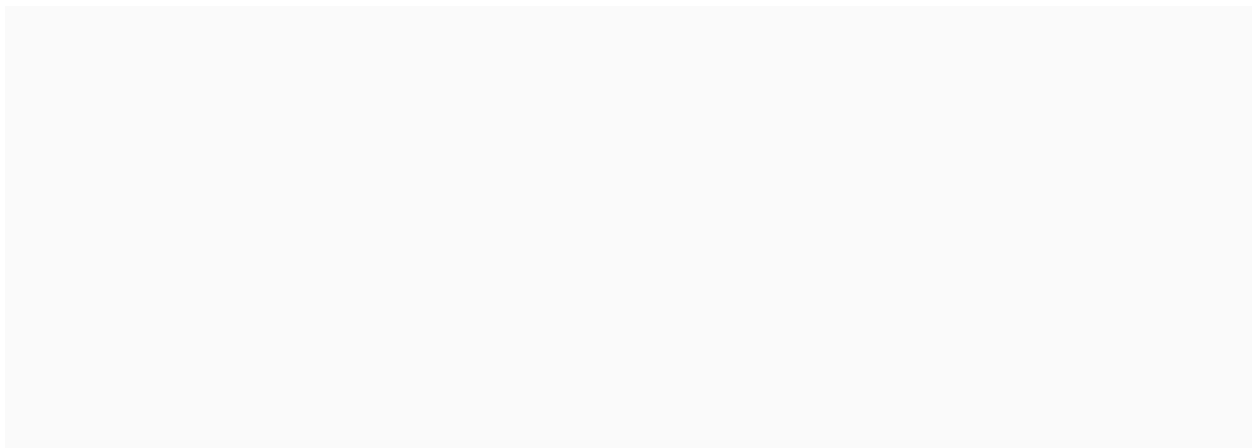
- Download a digital version of the complete publication (PDF)
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## CONTINENTAL UPDATES





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*EUROPE*





Portugal hosted ETL's 23rd meeting on March 23-24 in Lisbon. These countries participated: Austria, Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Scotland, Switzerland, and Tenerife.

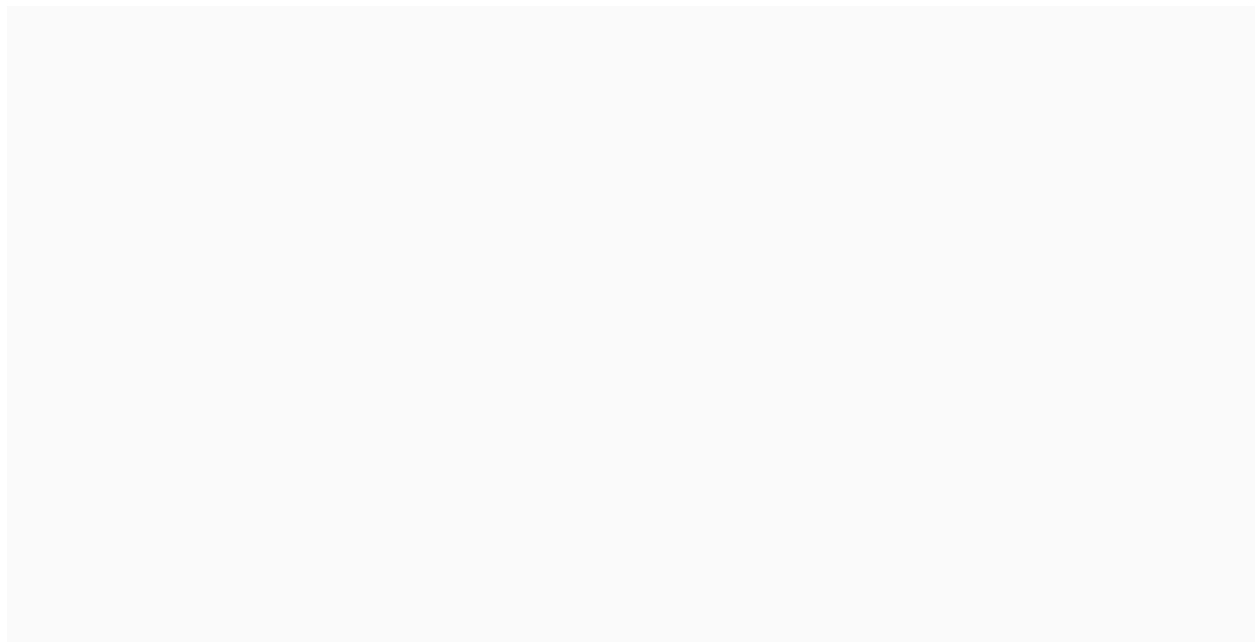


The next ETL meeting will take place in Graz, Austria,  
on March 27-28, 2020.

Please read ETL's latest newsletter

here: [https://cd478be9-3f84-45cf-bca1-7ff7dce34f3a.filesusr.com/ugd/123e0c\\_971af8fe31b84025a699e52979da33c6.pdf](https://cd478be9-3f84-45cf-bca1-7ff7dce34f3a.filesusr.com/ugd/123e0c_971af8fe31b84025a699e52979da33c6.pdf)

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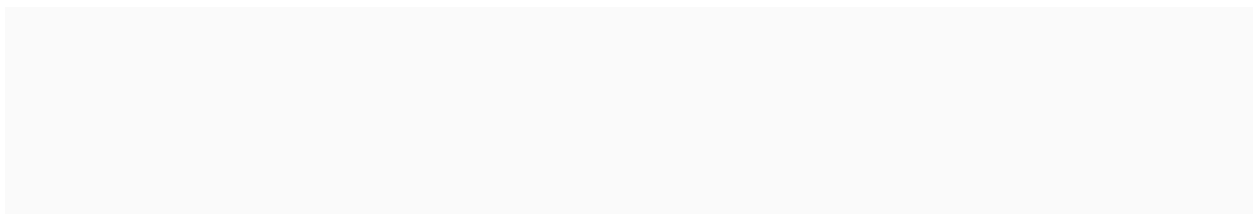






Two exciting publications from the ITLA Americas group!

## **1. Play spaces in Argentina**





**"Play Spaces in Argentina" is the result of a 2018 research project developed between the Buenos Aires Neighborhood Playgroups Program, the Playing We Build Citizenship Program, and the University of Buenos Aires. This research addresses the need to systematize the development of play spaces. It is hoped that this work will contribute to the growth of play spaces based on the connection between state and civil societies.**

**If you read in Spanish, please click the link below.  
Thanks for sharing this important work with us!**





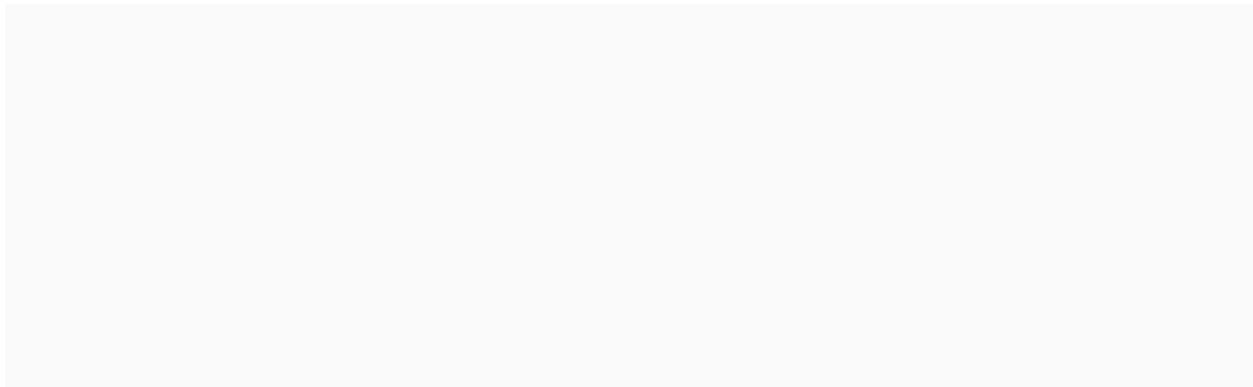
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## 2. "Play: A Serious Issue in the Education of Girls and Boys."



“Play: A Serious Issue in the Education of Boys and Girls,” is the world's first publication of longitudinal research on play and toy libraries. Four years was spent studying in conjunction with the Colombian National University. Scientific evidence was presented about what it means to utilize toy libraries. These playful and cultural spaces support toy librarians and educators to help close the gaps in education in Colombia.

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en la formación  
de los niños  
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As we near the close of 2019, some thoughts for  
2020...

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# sim·plic·i·ty

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What are the experts saying about brain development in children and toys?

***Pediatricians recommend simple toys, not electronics.***

Toys have evolved over the years, and advertisements may leave parents with the impression that toys with a 'virtual' or digital-based platform are more educational. Research tells us that the best toys need not be flashy or expensive or come with an app. Simple, in this case, really is better. Parents and children interacting is really the key!



Click here for the article: [https://www.healthy-holistic-living.com/pediatricians-say-kids-need-simple-toys-not-ipads-and-electronics/?utm\\_source=NM&fbclid=IwAR1CXj-iMQ96Dd7FCpE5kT7xVOyJSBEiwbCsH7ts0ejxwslxZxN-wNoXn4c](https://www.healthy-holistic-living.com/pediatricians-say-kids-need-simple-toys-not-ipads-and-electronics/?utm_source=NM&fbclid=IwAR1CXj-iMQ96Dd7FCpE5kT7xVOyJSBEiwbCsH7ts0ejxwslxZxN-wNoXn4c)

**Early childhood experts recommend wooden toys, rather than plastic. Here's why:**

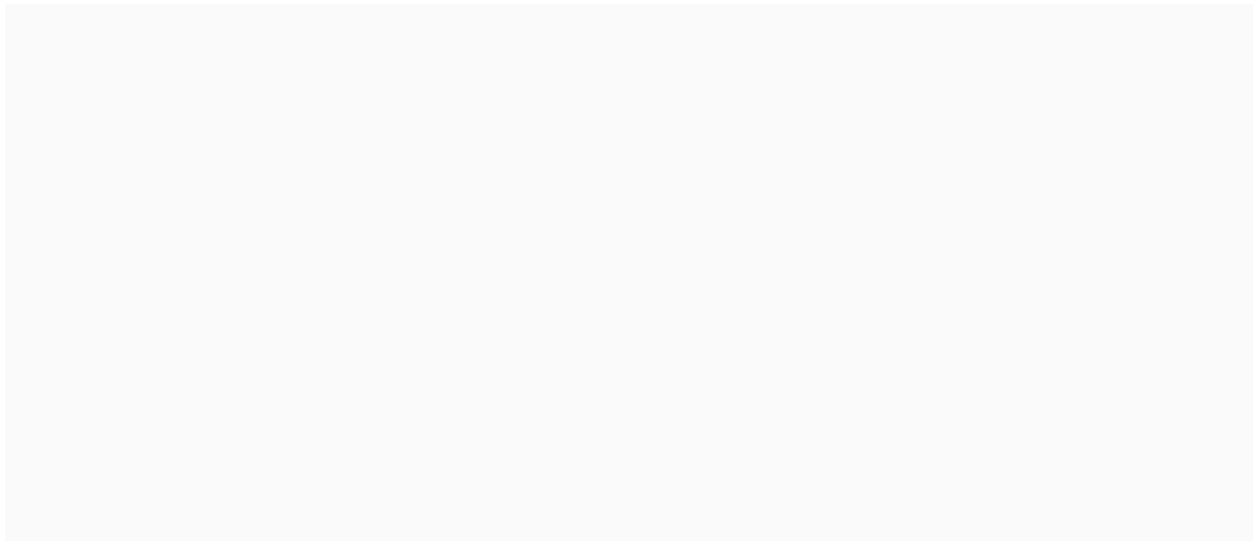
A toy doesn't need bells and whistles! Over-stimulation can lead to negative neural impact too, making it more difficult for the brain to think critically.



Click here for article: <https://www.tomsofmaine.com/good-matters/healthy-feeling/why-simple-wooden-toys-are-the-best-for-your-child>

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## Announcing the Theme for WPD 2020!



# World Play Day

2020

## Play and Toy Libraries... keys to Health Promotion

Play promotes physical, mental and social health.  
For infants, children, people with disabilities, adults and the elderly.

Toy libraries not only support health promotion, but also our planet's health by reducing our impact on the Earth.

In 2020, ITLA wants to share these messages:

To play is healthy!  
Toy libraries promote healthy living!



An Initiative from International  
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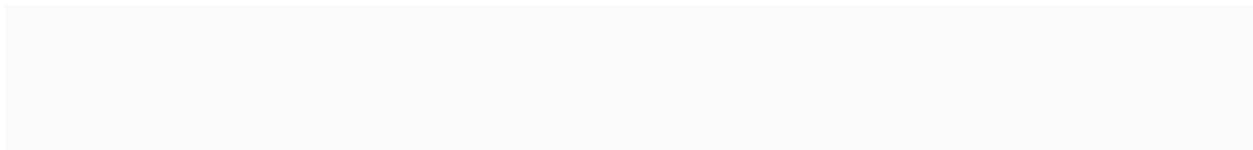
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It's a bit early, but ITLA would like to congratulate and thank you for all of the hard work you've done this year.  
**The children thank you too. Happy New Year!**

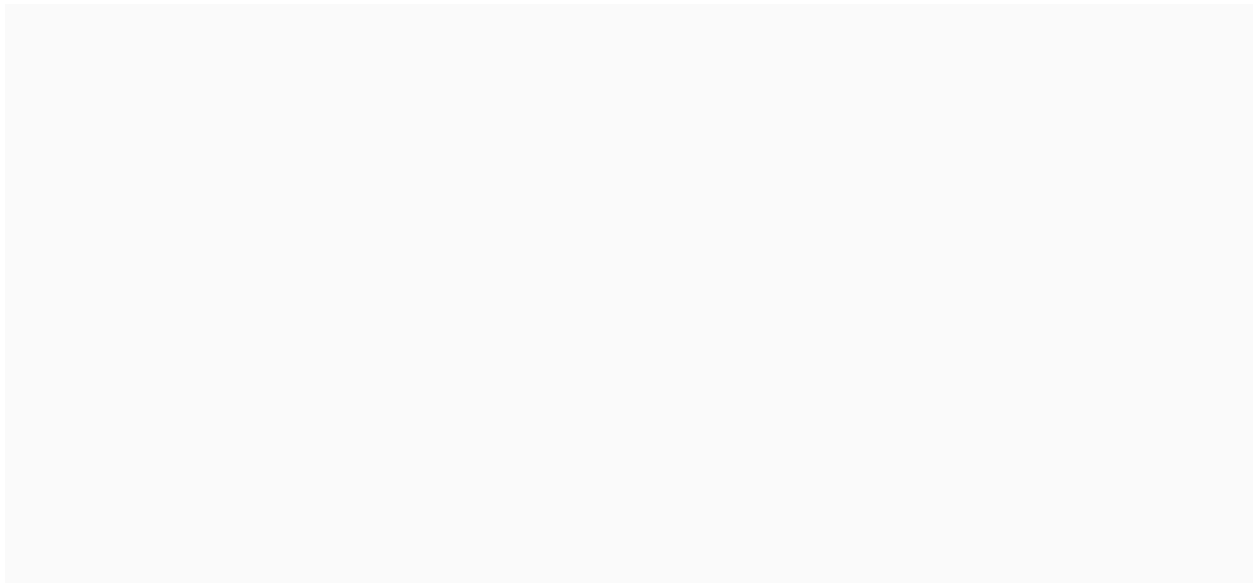
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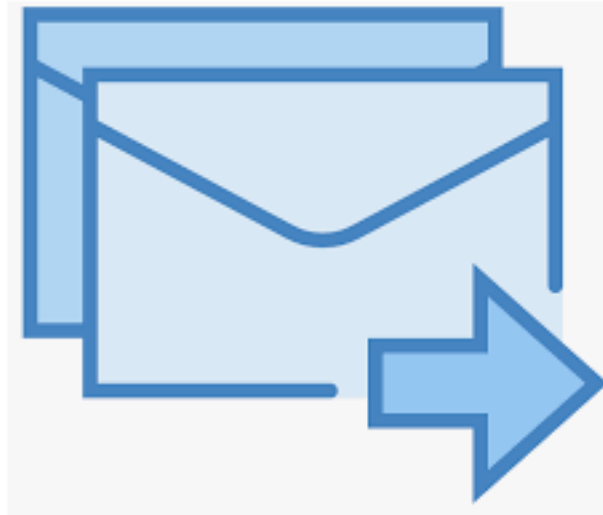
Just send your toy librarian friends this  
link: <http://itlatoylibraries.org/home/become-a-member/>





**Please send us updates about your toy libraries! Are you having an event?  
Something to celebrate? Pictures to share? We want to feature you!**





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