



Beyond a Toy Library - a sustainable approach

The 15th International Toy Library Conference

Johannesburg, South Africa | 9-13 July 2019

Conference brief

The International Toy Library Association (ITLA) invites you to the 15th International Toy Library Conference taking place in South Africa. The conference is planned and hosted by the Toy Library Association South Africa (TLASA) in collaboration with Cotlands and ITLA.



Ayanda and Sipho will guide you through the conference.

“Through the looking glass of a Toy Library – **come play with us.**”

“Ngokubuka ngefastela lomtapo wamathoyizi – **woza uzodlala nathi**”
(IsiZulu translation)

We invite toylibrarians from around the world to meet and share their skills and knowledge, as well as showcase how their toy libraries promote opportunities to play.



During the conference, TLASA will also display the various models of South African toy libraries and the work they do to establish a toy library within reach of various types of communities.

Who needs to attend?

If you are passionate about Toy Libraries and the possibilities they hold for our communities, this conference is for you! Anyone working or interested in the fields of Toy Libraries, Play-based pedagogies or Recreation would benefit from this conference. Come learn more, we have lots to share.

- International, African and South African Toy Libraries
- National and provincial government departments, e.g. Departments of Basic Education, Arts and Culture, Social Development, and Sport and Recreation
- Non-profit organisations that promote play and that operate toy libraries
- Municipal libraries and librarians
- Corporate social investment managers working in the space of toy libraries
- Researchers in play-based learning / early childhood development
- Early Childhood Development experts
- Play champions / organisations

Dates

Tuesday 9th July to Saturday 13th July 2019

Venue

Monash South Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa
144 Peter Road, Ruimsig, Roodepoort, 1724



Purpose

- Networking opportunity for international toy libraries; to meet and share their experiences, knowledge and showcase how they play in their toy libraries.
- To enrich toy librarians' knowledge and skills with latest research studies around play and toy libraries.
- To advocate and promote toy libraries.
- Recognition for the host country's toy libraries and showcase the work they do.
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Toy Library Association of South Africa (TLASA) and election of new board.
- Establish Africa Continental Toy Library Group.
- Board meeting of International Toy Library (ITLA) and election of a new board.

Key Message: Beyond a Toy Library - a sustainable approach

Themes

Throughout the conference, there will be keynote addresses, presentations, workshops and displays of the work being done in toy libraries internationally. All of these will link to one or more of the following themes:

- Diversity in toy libraries
- Toy libraries a solution for
- Sustainability of toy libraries
- Toy libraries of the future – innovation

Excursions

On Thursday 11th July 2019, delegates will be taken on an experiential tour of different types of South African toy libraries which will include sightseeing to places of cultural interest. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

So much more is planned...

There will be plenty of opportunities for networking, dialogues and inter-continental discussions during the conference. You will also be able to experience the different South African cultures, play a number of our indigenous games each day, as well as a toy exhibition and spaza shop by local toy suppliers.

Register now!



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