

ITLA INTERNATIONAL
TOY LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION
(ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE
DES LUDOTHEQUES) is a non-profit
making international organization
comprising of national toy library
associations and direct international
members.

HISTORY OF ITLA

The INTERNATIONAL TOY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION was created in 1990 in Torino, Italy during the 5th international conference of toy libraries.

ITLA is registered under the Belgian law and is open to any association or individual who supports the goals.

The Association is committed to the beliefs that play, playthings and playful interaction are essential to optimal educational, physical, psychological and social and cultural development.

The Association is presently governed by a 9 member international Board of Directors.

WHAT IS A TOY LIBRARY?

* A toy library is a service that provides members with the opportunity for shared play and / or the loan of toys. A toy library can be operated by individuals, charitable organizations, local, regional or national governments or any other such agency or group.

Members of the toy libraries can be children, parents, grandparents, child-care providers, educator and/or school children, hospital staff and / or patients, or any other person or persons interested in toys and play.

* Toy libraries, as often as possible, are to serve as a community resource, offering information, guidance and support to members in addition to the loan of toys.

* Toy libraries serve people without regard of race, sex, handicap, religion, language or national origin.



PURPOSE OF ITLA

The purposes of the ITLA are:

1. To disseminate the concept of toy libraries as a means for bringing play and play materials to people.
2. To serve as a link between national toy library organizations, providing opportunity for international exchange of ideas and materials.
3. To maintain a liaison with other organizations and associations pertaining to developmental and social issues, health, education and play.
4. To promote the development, production and creation of toys and games that foster educational, physical, psychological, social and cultural growth, and to disseminate information about such toys.
5. To organize periodic international events and conferences dedicated to discussing various aspects of play, playthings and playful interactions.

Excerpt taken from the ITLA Constitution Article 3 & 4, Nov 1990.

ITLA MEMBERSHIP

Who Should Join

Toy Libraries, National Toy / Leisure Library Associations, toy manufacturers, play professionals, individuals interested in promoting play.

How To Join

See attached membership form.

Rates

◆ National Associations:

US\$ 200 for 3 years
US\$ 70 for 1 year

◆ Individuals or

Individual Toy Libraries:

US\$ 85 for 3 years
US\$ 30 for 1 year

◆ Corporate:

US\$ 500 (minimum)

ITLA CONFERENCE

In collaboration with national associations and partners from many countries, ITLA organises the International Conference of Toy Libraries once every 3 years. The event is an international opportunity for an exchange of ideas, experiences and materials.

DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

The ITLA Documentation Centre has its base at the Centro Internazionale Ludoteche office in Florence, Italy.

The Centre also publishes the ITLA Newsletter, which is circulated to all ITLA members throughout the world twice a year.

WORLD WIDE LINK PERSONS

In addition to the Board Members representing 9 countries, there are more than 60 other countries being linked up through the ITLA Link Persons Network.

For a Link Persons list contact the secretary

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