

19th Annual LITASA Conference

**LITERACY LEARNING ACROSS CONTEXTS:
HOME - PLAY - WORK**

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13 - 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

Abstract submission closing date: 8 APRIL 2024

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FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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**Abstracts are invited for the 2024 LITASA Conference, which will take place in Cape Town from 13-15 September.
Call for abstracts closes on 8 April 2024**

Language and Literacy are acquired and stimulated optimally when language and literacy practices and skills are supported across contexts, namely: in homes, families, and communities, in children’s play, home-schooling, at school, and in post-schooling contexts. In their homes and communities, children learn about the ways of talking, thinking and behaving around texts which are valued and many other activities that form part of formal schooling and everyday life. Examples of these practices include informal reading, writing, art and performing arts. At school, teachers can draw on these - and other - practices to teach new skills. Engagement with language and literacy practices and skills does not need to stop after school has been completed as literacy practices and skills are also integral aspects of human development post-school. Literacy practices and skills are required and acquired at work and are part of a lifelong process of learning and of human and economic development.

This conference looks beyond the binaries of literacy practices and skills, of languages and of settings. We invite submissions that discuss the different ways in which families and communities ‘do’ literacy and what this means for children as they move outside of their homes and local communities to participate in the wider, and sometimes very different, institutional literacy practices of other educational contexts. We invite submissions that explore the most effective literacy practices in schools. We hope these submissions can describe how early childhood specialists and school teachers can build on children’s existing literacies and support the transition children make as they adapt to new ways of doing literacy in different contexts. This capacity to adapt to new and different ways of doing literacy will also enable children to become citizens who can in time access the literacy practices which are part of the workplace, tertiary education, and other community institutions.

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Furthermore, the conference seeks to foster relationships and to show the interdependence of the various contexts in developing literate communities. Finally, it also seeks to highlight innovative research and initiatives at developing and sustaining engagements with literacy across these contexts.

Subthemes to be considered:

- Play as literacy development (digital games/gamification, musical games/game songs and imaginative play, narrative play, story play, drama).
- Literacy learning across contexts and activities
- Storytelling as literacy development
- Skills and practices for literacy development
- Technology and literacy development
- Literacy development for social-emotional learning
- The role of literacy in building relationships
- Expanding language and literacies repertoires
- Literacy development for social change
- Decolonising language and literacies practices

Presentations can take the form of:

- Individual papers (20 Minutes & 10 minutes for discussion)
- Colloquia (1 hour, 3-5 speakers)
- Workshops (2 hours)
- Poster displays

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Important dates:

Abstract Submission date: Monday 8th April 2024

Response to Abstracts: Monday 10 June 2024

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SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

Presentations can take the form of

- Individual papers
- Colloquia
- Workshops
- Snapshots
- Poster presentations

For details on these categories, see the following page.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Please submit your abstract by completing the [abstract submission form](#) on the conference page on LITASA's website. Note that there is a limit of 250 words for abstracts. The title of your submission should not exceed 15 words.

The closing date for abstract submission is 8 April 2024. Submissions will be evaluated by the abstract committee, and you will be notified about the outcome of your submission on or by 10 June 2024.

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Registration fees will be announced in due course.