



# The Halton Resource Connection

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# WINTER RECHARGE



## BLOCKS, BLOCKS & MORE BLOCKS!

THRC presents  
**Diane Kashin**

*In partnership with*



**Saturday, February 22, 2020**

**Milton Bible Church (formerly Teatro Conference Centre)  
121 Chisholm Drive, Milton  
9:00am - 3:00pm**

**THRC Member: \$85, Non-Member: \$95 (Includes lunch)  
Registration Deadline: February 7, 2020**

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## REGISTRATION - 9:00am

This full day workshop will showcase the indoor and outdoor environment as the third teacher, featuring blocks, blocks and more blocks! We will marvel in and with the affordances of many types of blocks, accessories and loose parts and how they provoke and support playful learning in all domains and curriculum areas. This will be a highly interactive and informative session.

## MORNING SESSION 9:30am - 12:00pm

In the morning you will be invited to think about blocks from a historical and theoretical perspective. You will have the opportunity to think about the affordances of blocks and how blocks connect to schema play. We will look at blocks from the perspective of social play and reflect on stages of block play as well as STEM learning and beyond! Amid discussions about loose parts and block books there will be plenty of time to play with blocks.

## LUNCH 12:00pm - 1:00pm

## AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00pm - 3:00pm

After lunch, we focus on setting up the block centre, risky play and the role of the teacher. The day will reinforce why blocks should be an integral component in all early learning programs and classrooms today. Come prepared to play and learn!

*Diane is a registered early childhood educator and has taught early childhood education at both the degree and the diploma level for the past 30 years. Diane's doctoral thesis on emergent curriculum was published in 2009 and she has co-written three ECE textbooks including Outdoor and Nature Play in Early Childhood Education (2019). Diane is the past president of the Association for Early Childhood Educators of Ontario and the current chair of the York Region Nature Collaborative. Diane's areas of interest include forest and nature schools, risky play, loose parts, Reggio inspired practice, outdoor play and emergent curriculum. Diane writes a blog to support professional learning in early childhood education: <http://tecribresearch.wordpress.com> and loves to engage in continuous professional learning face to face and through social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter. Diane presents workshops and keynote addresses in Ontario, across Canada and internationally.*



## WRAP UP 3:00pm

Register online at **thrc.ca**

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