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Hello everyone,

Well, that was a busy six months! The “Wonder of Learning” exhibit has now closed and we are in the midst of preparing to ship it off to its next location in Durham, North Carolina. Amazing to think that the exhibit travels around North America all under the steam of volunteers. The opening conference led by NAREA in June was fabulous and the ORA led closing conference last weekend was terrific too. In between these conferences there were professional learning opportunities and, of course, the exhibit itself attracted a lot of deserved attention. We are currently estimating 5,000+ people visited the exhibit at the Royal York Hotel in downtown Toronto. I hope that you had an opportunity to be part of these events and that the experience was helpful and encouraging for you in your work. It has been my pleasure to participate in such a wonderful event and it was fun to hold our first ORA/York University documentation study session at the exhibit.

The planned dates for our “usual” documentation study sessions this year are: November 26, December 17, January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, and May 27. We will continue to meet at Winters College, Room 283B, York University, from 10 – 12. Please bring your documentation on these dates and we will spend our time studying your work together. Documentation in any form or state of development is welcome. You may also attend without materials if you would like to explore pedagogical documentation study processes together.

Please note that there are some changes for these study sessions. This will be my final email sent to everyone to notify you of upcoming dates. From this point onward, instead of sending an email, an invitation will be posted on my site at pedagogicaldocumentation.ca and on the Ontario Reggio Association site with a connecting link to Eventbrite. All registration will take place through Eventbrite. There will be a limited number of spaces for each session. If you register and are unable to attend please be sure to “unregister” so others might have an opportunity to attend.

These study sessions are free and are offered in collaboration with York University and the Ontario Reggio Association. As you know, the Ontario Reggio Association is a non-profit volunteer run organization and we are inviting participants in the study sessions to become members of our association.

There are also other interesting learning opportunities being offered through the Ontario Reggio Association including an Emergent Curriculum Certificate program. Please be sure to visit the website to read more.

Best wishes always,
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