

The Formentera Council's Office of Culture reports that this Friday, February 16 at 6.00pm, youngsters of the island are invited to attend an evening of storytelling at the Marià Villangómez library.

This week kids are treated to *Les joguines de la Martina* (something like "Martina's toys" for English-speaking audiences), a performance by Cristina Brunet which, through puppet-work and compositions that Brunet performs live on a host of instruments-turned-stage props, encompasses a breadth of artistic and theatrical forms of expression.

Martina, a tale-teller, prowls the world for new stories that she can spin for children. Not just any old story tale will do, though. Martina was born with a gift: she can talk with toys, and listens as they recount their roving and playful adventures whilst the tots of the world sleep.

We'll meet Toni, whose teddy bear is a bit of a scaredy-cat; a bean-bag frog whose fillings are foiled by some nibbling house-mice; a wee race-horse who, somewhat absent-mindedly, takes a tumble down a staircase and a piglet who guards religiously the coins Aineta slips into her back.

It's a music- and colour-filled show that will get school-children into the spirit and singing along to the tunes of Martina.