

## News from Nova Scotia

### News from Cape Breton Regional Libraries

#### Norman Horrocks Award

**Rosalie Gillis, Coordinator Community Support (CBRL)**

Cape Breton Regional Librarian, Faye MacDougall was presented with the Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership, at this year's NSLA Conference. The Norman Horrocks Award for Library Leadership was established to honor leadership in the Nova Scotia Library community and is given by NSLA for distinguished contributions to the promotion and development of library service in Nova Scotia.



From the nomination - "Faye MacDougall is a special person. As Regional Librarian, she has worked extremely hard to provide top quality service to the library users she serves. She is calm, thoughtful, and knowledgeable, encouraging staff to give her advice when needed. She embodies the best leadership qualities we value such as honesty, integrity, vision, confidence, passion, innovation, and patience. Her contributions to the Cape Breton Regional Library have been, and continue to be, highly valued by the Cape Breton Regional Library Board, library staff, and the library users she serves."



## Youth Programming

**Tara MacNeil, Programs (CBRL)**

Recently, programs for youth (ages 7-12) at the McConnell Library have been inspired by the latest trends and the teamwork of staff (notably Lindsay Thompson & Katrina Nicholson). Together, Lindsay and Kat have organized Star Wars themed evenings, Harry Potter programs, a program in celebration of DC comics' Wonder Woman Day, and Pokemon in the Park. They've even transformed the Library branch into a Jurassic Park which included a T-rex (Kat in an inflatable T-rex costume). The programs are usually about an hour long and are filled with activities, challenges, and sometimes costumes and fun. The success can be measured in a few ways: how quickly the programs fill up, how excited the children are to visit the library, and also that a few parents have requested that the library offer these same programs for the adults!



CBRL followed the great “Be Fit Kits” idea started in other NS library regions and we are now lending kits for outdoor family fun, along with tennis rackets and hiking poles, for one week check outs! We launched them on June 17<sup>th</sup>, along with the Summer Reading Program, with a parking lot party at our neighbouring Sydney Credit Union in Sydney.

The “Be Fit Kits” include items designed to develop sports and movement skills such as throwing, kicking, hopping, jumping, catching, and balancing. Quite simply, they are a whole day of active family play in a bag with a parachute, jump ropes, washer toss, tic tac toe toss games, several balls for kicking and throwing, paddle toss, a Frisbee, and a booklet with activity ideas. Thanks to our local partner, Sydney Credit Union, and to Sport Nova Scotia, and the Province of Nova Scotia for supporting this project!



