

Saskatoon Preschool Foundation Champion of Children

Lori Tkachuk

Greetings Award Committee:

READ Saskatoon is honoured to participate in the nomination of Lori Tkachuk, Library Assistant – Children’s Department for Saskatoon Public Library, for recognition of the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation’s *Champion of Children*.



Lori has worked alongside READ Saskatoon for the past ten years, but it has been the past three years that have reinforced her extreme worthiness of this nomination. She has been a key point of contact for program delivery ensuring that READ Saskatoon program participants receive the support, information and confidence they require to succeed through learning. This has been modeled through attending programs, facilitating story sessions, giving tours of the children’s department, promoting Family Literacy and most recently, creating excitement within the Saskatoon library system about the *Family Literacy Day World Record Attempt*: “most families reading at multiple locations throughout Canada”: (<http://abc-canada.org/en/fldworldrecord>).

Lori is one of those rare individuals among us who takes personal responsibility for the nurturing and mentoring of Saskatoon’s children and families, and whose tireless commitment to building and celebrating Saskatoon symbolizes the spirit behind the success we enjoy here today. The passion and energy that Lori infuses into everything she does is not only impressive for its breadth and depth, but for its generous focus on bringing support to sometimes under-supported sectors of our community: people with literacy challenges, students, and women.

If you’ve ever had the pleasure of working alongside Lori, or sitting beside as she tells stories, then you know that her spirit and integrity build bridges to an entirely new and exciting future for us all. Lori is energetic, inspirational, and indefatigable in her dedication to children and families. It is her tireless commitment that makes us realize that “the effort invested in promoting the love of reading is more than worth it!”

Lori is a dedicated and enthusiastic supporter for children, literacy and READ Saskatoon. She brings a deep understanding of the complexities of literacy and of human justice to the way she works with our agency. She is an outstanding role model and truly, our literacy ambassador. Please accept this nomination on behalf of the many talents and accomplishments of Lori, and the many, many fans and benefactors whose lives have been helped by her.