

## **Author of *One Cold Armpit* gives warm thanks to SaskEnergy**

Through our community investment program, SaskEnergy supports a myriad of valuable programs and worthy causes.

One of our key areas of support is education and, in particular, literacy – the core of all learning and development.

By extension, we are also committed to supporting local educators and authors who inspire youth to develop an appreciation for reading and storytelling.

That is why we have been a sponsor of the **Saskatchewan Book Awards** for over a decade. This awards program promotes books of various genres written, illustrated and/or published by local individuals and companies.



*Leslie Gosselin of SaskEnergy, Corporate Affairs addresses the audience at the 2009 Sask Book Awards*

Every year SaskEnergy sponsors the category that alternates between the Children's Literature Award and the Young Adult Literature Award. This is our favorite category because it recognizes authors who use their skills to encourage a love of reading among young people.

This year's winner was first-time author Karen Edwards for her book *One Cold Armpit*, a heartwarming story about a young boy who learns that kindness comes when we least expect it.



*Leslie Gosselin presents the 2009 Children's Literature Award to author Karen Edwards*

In a recent letter to SaskEnergy, Karen expressed her gratitude for our sponsorship contribution:

*"I...am extremely grateful not only for the recognition that came with the award, but also the validation.*

*Knowing that your family appreciates your work is heartwarming, but when it is embraced and accepted on its own merit by your peers, that heartwarming feeling blossoms into encouragement and support.*

*The Sask Book Award is something that I will remember and cherish forever. It is a prestigious honor, and I am truly grateful for your sponsorship. Saskatchewan is full of a great many writers and readers, and it's wonderful to be promoted and assisted in this way."*



*Karen receives her winner's corsage*

Congratulations, once again, to Karen on her accomplishment. We hope it inspires her to continue writing. We're certainly inspired to keep supporting valuable programs like the Saskatchewan Book Awards.