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**Hannah Blair-Smith (left) and her grandmother Arlene Blair (right) read from a Christmas book at the Fort St. John Public Library on Thursday.**

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# COMMUNITY



# May the force be with you – while you read



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The force was strong at the Fort St. John Public Library during Star Wars Reads Day on Oct. 11. Star Wars fans of all ages took part, whether it was an RPG game or light sabre tai chi.





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Seven-year-old Elise Dechaime decorating her  
"dragon egg" cookie for the Fort St. John Public Library's  
How to Train your Dragon party.

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Ella Hsiao plays in the children's area of the Fort St.  
John Public Library.

# Play Time



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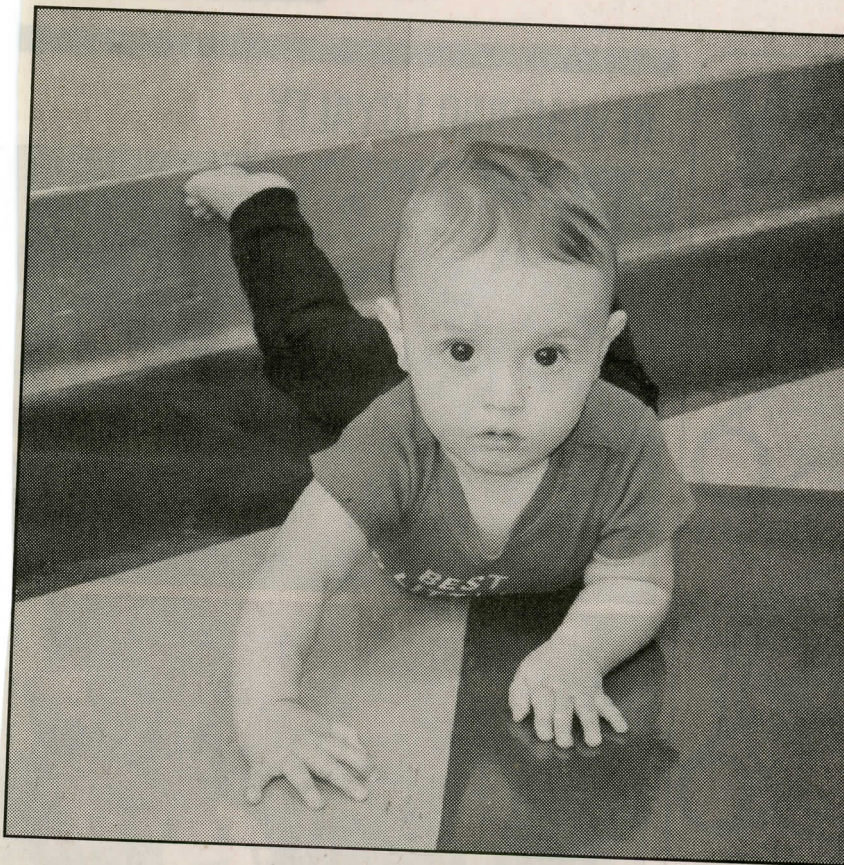
Ella Hsiao plays in the children's area of the Fort St. John Public Library on Tuesday.



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**Carmelle, Elise, Canaan and Angel Dechaine were all already for the Camp In at the Fort St. John Public Library on Feb. 1.**

# VISIT TO THE LIBRARY



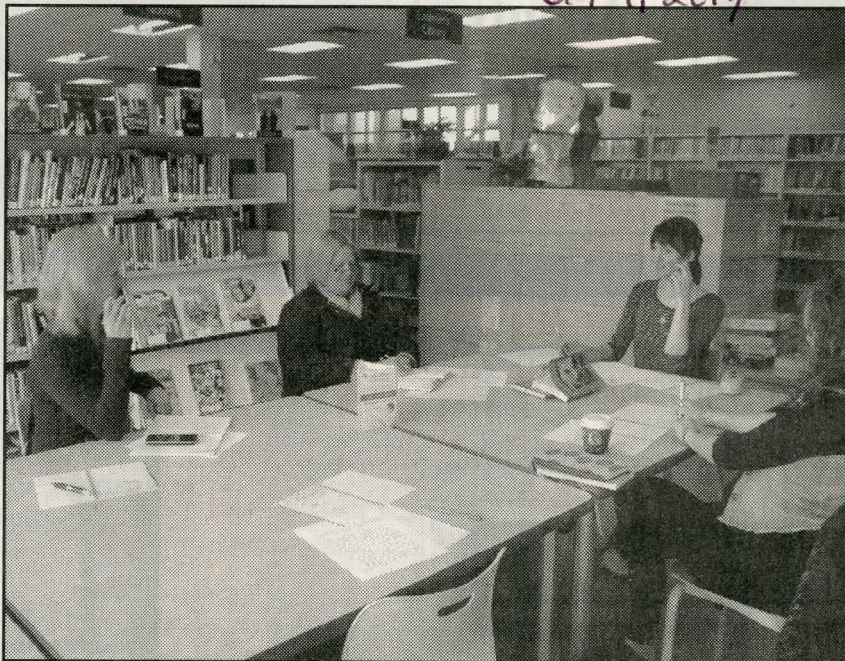
**Mark Burgess, 15 months old, waits patiently in the North Peace Cultural Centre with his mom and sister for the FSJ Library story time to begin yesterday.**

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# LIBRARY WORKSHOP

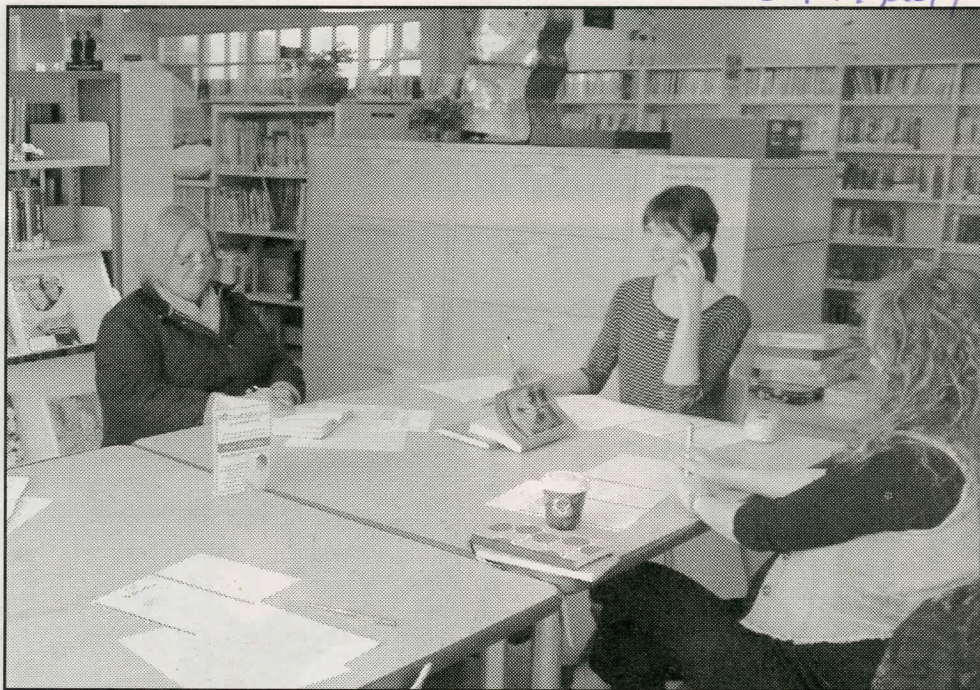
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**Fort St. John Public Library Coordinator Kirsten Barkved teaches a memoir writing workshop at the library last Tuesday. The series of workshops will continue every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the next six weeks.**

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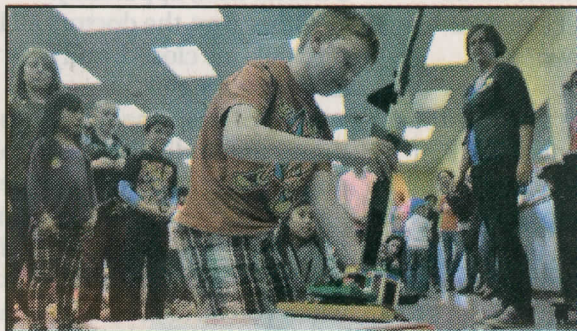
# LOCAL NEWS



The Lego vehicle had to make it down the ramp and touch the finish line without crashing.



Melissa Degroot and her 5-year-old son, Wyatt.



Setting up for the test

## READY, SET, BUILD

Dave Dyck  
Staff Writer

A cacophony of sound filled the North Peace Cultural Centre, as 20 families competed in the fourth annual Fort St. John Public Library Lego Challenge.

One could hear the ocean-like waves as participants ranging in age from toddlers to parents sifted through piles of the familiar blocks for just the right piece. Then, a crunch-crunch-crunch of blocks coming together at lightning speed, as some competed to see who could build a Lego sculpture the fastest. And then there were the occasional oohs and ahhs as those in attendance were wowed by competitors in the “most creative” challenge.

Some of the feats that builders were tasked with included building a car that would make it down a ramp without tipping, and a hat that had to stay on an adult’s

head during a rendition of “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.”

“It was an amazing turnout,” said Kirsten Barkved, the library’s adult program coordinator, who helped organize the event. “They all brought their own Lego, and the excitement was in the air, you could just feel it.”

Other challenges included building a sea monster with the most number of humps coming out of the water, and maracas that had to have loose pieces inside, making it rattle. Prizes were handed out in each category, donated by community sponsors.

Barkved said the feedback she got from families that participated was very positive.

“[They told me] how much fun they had and how this was a great event for families to take part in, how unique it was and how great it was to have something like that in Fort St. John,” she said.

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One of the challenges was for builders to put together a hat for the adult in their group. It had to stay on during an entire rendition of "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes."



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Levi Ekkel, age 3, decided the best way to keep warm was by curling up with a good book at the Fort St. John Public Library.



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**Oliver Bates and his little brother Sullivan carefully dropped off their plushies at the Fort St. John Public Library for the fourth annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover on Nov. 28.**

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