

Towering Tara motivates Millicent

What an outstanding day it was when Tara Moss visited the Millicent Library for a Literary Luncheon supported by Books Alive, The Big Book Club and sponsors. Beyond all expectations in a small rural community, one which is a great library community with one of the most highly used public libraries in the state, along with Wednesday being a golf day, over 140 excited people arrived. We could not believe the response!

The library staff and some volunteers decided that we would use the visit as an opportunity to say thanks to our community and library supporters. We provided soup and a light luncheon and the atmosphere was electric with heightened expectation, what would she be like? Her books are great! How does she do it??

Well, they were not disappointed, Tara held the floor and the audience spellbound for 45 minutes and did not draw a breath. She interspersed rhetoric about how to write, how she researches, her childhood love of writing, not giving up, with snapshots of what she does, how she is disciplined, how she loves coming out to the country! There was humour, glimpses of her life as a model, travel, and the importance of reading and enjoying books. Tara had some special words for the youth who had come along and encouraged them not to give up!

It was refreshing to hear that Tara enjoyed visiting the 'regions' and that she saw this as an important arm of promotion, as these community members and readers also deserved to be exposed to famous authors and that this was a way to promote literature and to encourage a love of reading and writing.

What a great day ... the community is still talking about the visit ... how refreshing to have an author enjoy being at our library.

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Author of Hit, Tara Moss with Millicent library staff



Moss with local students, some of her 140 audience members



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