

## TL *the profile*

tary schools with a program to educate them about refugee camps. In adapting this to a wide range of audiences, students developed leadership and communication skills and raised \$2500 for MSF projects abroad.

Community programs in which the library participates include hosting volunteer seniors from a local high-rise apartment building who come into the library to talk with the kids, supervise, and be an elder presence in the school.

The local day-care agency operates out of the school, and has its own corner of the Library: the Mini-RAMs, where little people come in at any time of the day with their teachers to enjoy stories, puppets, and playing with the toys. This is an ESL and Community-linked program, as the kids learn English at the same time. The Writer's Craft class (now a Grade 12 course) writes children's stories, tries them out on the Mini-RAMs,



and then takes the finished products to the feeder schools for story time there.

**TL:** How do you spend your “down time”?

Well, of course, with a husband and four kids of my own, that kind of thing is scarce right now. However, I enjoy socializing with friends, in between attending my kids' hockey and basketball games and skiing.

**TL:** What are your favourite reads or viewing habits?

In the summer, when we go camping, I try to read widely. My all-time favourite book is Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. My most recent favourite read is Rohinton Mistry's *A Fine Balance*. We watch videos, which the whole family likes, and someday I'd like to have time to go to musical stage shows.

**TL:** It sounds like life is full for you, Mei-Lan. Thanks for taking the time to share with us. □



## TL *Your turn*

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