

# 2006 EVE SAVORY AWARD FOR SCIENCE COMMUNICATION



## Ms. Shar Levine

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Internationally recognized as outstanding writers for children and young people, Ms. Shar Levine and Ms. Leslie Johnstone have made it their professional mission to present science clearly, cleverly and dynamically to children. They have successfully translated this mission into the publication of award-winning science books of which more than one million have sold worldwide. Nine of their books have been translated into other languages including Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Flemish and Korean.

Through their engaging books, Ms. Levine and Ms. Johnstone demonstrate that science is fun without sacrificing clarity. Using their scientific background and educational experience, these authors have created a format which incorporates concepts with engrossing activities and dazzling visual appeal. Their books clearly convey scientific concepts with an innovative approach that draws on superb photography, experiments, kits and toys. Books such as 3-D Scary Bugs, Silly Science: Strange and Startling Projects to Amaze Your Family and Friends, Magnets, Your Body,

*"These two talented writers have made an impact on the design and presentation of science trade books in North America. What is particularly noteworthy about the many titles written by Shar and Leslie is the clarity of concepts being presented, the logical structure of the writing, the lively writing style, and the dazzling visual appeal of each title."*

Dr. Ronald Jobe, Professor, Department of Language and Literacy Education, UBC

and Kitchen Science encourage children to make use of simple household materials to explore a wide range of topics. Their recent book, Backyard Science, was one of five books short listed by the American Association for the Advancement of Science as the best book of the year in the Hands-on Science category.

Ms. Levine is a well known keynote speaker at early childhood educational conferences and a frequent guest speaker and presenter in kindergartens, elementary schools and libraries. She also established Vancouver's first award-winning dedicated science store, Einstein's the Science Centre where she taught hands-on science in a classroom at the back of the store prior to writing her own books.

Ms. Johnstone is currently the Science Department Head at Point Grey Secondary School in Vancouver. She is also an active reviewer of chemistry and science text books and a frequent presenter at professional development activities for science teachers. Ms. Johnstone was the 2006 recipient of the British Columbia Teachers' Association award for contributions to science education.

BC Innovation Council awards Ms. Shar Levine and Ms. Leslie Johnstone the 2006 Eve Savory Award for Science Communication for inspiring children to explore and investigate the fascinating world of science.

## Award background

*The Eve Savory Award for Science Communication recognizes an individual who has made an exceptional achievement in describing or organizing activities that explain the potential innovation impact of science and technology to the public.*

## Previous Recipients

2005	Penny Le Couteur, Capilano College
2003	Bruce Mohun, Mohun's Moving Picture Company
2001	Mark Winston, Simon Fraser University
2000	Reg Mitchell, University of Victoria
1998	British Columbia Youth Engineering & Science (YES) Camps
1997	David Garrison & Shannon Hunt, Peter Piper Publishing Inc.
1996	Patti Leigh, Science World
1995	Nancy Baron & Raymond Nakamura, Vancouver Aquarium
1994	Craig Young, South Peace Senior Secondary, Dawson Creek
1993	Mary Vickers, Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology and Douglas College
1992	Sid Katz, University of British Columbia and Science World
1991	Douglas Hayward, University of British Columbia
1990	Mark Dickson & Roger Frampton, Royal British Columbia Museum, Victoria