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## Author graces town

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Award winning children's book author, Lyn Hancock, paid the Princeton Library a visit on Friday, April 20.

As part of her whirlwind tour of the Okanagan and Similkameen Valley, Hancock, along with book illustrator, Loraine Kemp, joined forces to introduce her favourite raccoon character in her latest children's book, "Tabasco, the Saucy Raccoon."

Hancock arrives at each destination of her tour with a carload of visuals to enhance the mood. This seems to make the reading hour more of a play—a more lively, captivating and animated adventure for any young audience. During the reading hour, the histrionic Hancock's lust for life is not only palpable, it permeates the entire room and everyone in it. She gives a whole new meaning to "living life to the max."

Of the main character, Tabasco, Hancock describes her introduction to the then newest member of her family.

"The Vancouver children's zoo gave me the raccoon because they had too many raccoons in the spring," says Hancock of her first encounter with Tabasco. "This was 1977."

How did this little raccoon get its unusual name?

"They were running a contest on how to get rid

