



Volunteer Opportunity

Story Studio is a non-profit organisation that offers writing-based activities to build confidence, encourage creativity and improve communication skills in youth. Our programs include a variety of innovative creative writing workshops. To date, we have helped over 5,000 youth write and publish their stories. We are a charitable organisation based in British Columbia and rely entirely on grants, sponsorships, donations and volunteers. You can learn more about us at www.storystudio.ca

Our primary initiative is our Bookmaker school workshop program. Helped by a team of facilitators, youth participating in these multi-day workshops are introduced to the process of writing and producing a book of their own. We use interactive and tactile activities to introduce students to the building blocks of writing in a fun and supportive way. We then print and bind each student's story into an individual book for them to keep.

We are seeking volunteers to help with our Bookmaker Workshops, which will run in 38 classes (Grades K-6) from January to May (2018). Participating schools are located primarily within SD61. We have a particular focus on schools that are identified as having a high percentage of vulnerable youth – students who may be at risk in terms of their academic achievement and social functioning.

Volunteer Position Description

Each week, our two paid staff ("facilitators") and volunteers will visit one school. Within this week, we conduct two 90-minute sessions per day - one session per class - repeated over three days (usually Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday.) Working closely with the facilitators and classroom teacher, we are seeking volunteers who will work directly with students: encouraging, coaching and sometimes scribing for youth.

We are interested in connecting with volunteers who have some experience and interest in working with youth; have a passion for writing and creativity; and can commit to regularly assisting us in the classroom.

Workshop Dates and Locations

February

13/14/15 (Sir James Douglas Elementary)
19/20/21/22/23 (South Park/Christ Church)
26/27/28/Mar. 1 (Christ Church/Macaulay Elementary)

April

3/4/5 (Wishart Elementary)
10/11/12 (Willows Elementary)
17/18/19 (McKenzie Elementary)
24/25/26 (Braefoot Elementary)

March

6/7/8 (Ecole Quadra Elementary)
13/14/15 (Oaklands Elementary)

May

1/2/3 (Sir James Douglas)
8/9/10 (Vic West Elementary)
15/16/17 (George Jay Elementary)
22/23/24 (George Jay Elementary)

To learn more about Story Studio, and to complete a volunteer application form, please visit <http://www.storystudio.ca/volunteer/> or contact Sean Rodman at sean.rodman@storystudio.ca