



To whom it may concern,

A teacher in your school has requested that the Story Studio Writing Society visit your school to deliver our *Bookmaker Bundle*: a week-long combination of workshops and resources designed to enhance student literacy and motivate kids to become great writers! We are writing to explain the details and impact of this program, and to request financial support to help bring the program to your school in the 2017/2018 school year.

Who we are:

Story Studio is a charitable non-profit that offers innovative creative writing projects to build confidence and communication skills in youth. Last year we helped over 1000 kids in Victoria publish their own books; we ran after-school comic-book making workshops; and we created and delivered a unique writing/video-game creation class for middle-grade kids. The results have been amazing: youth telling their own stories for the first time, 'reluctant writers' coming out of their shells. Since our founding, we have helped over 5,000 youth write and publish their stories. More information about us is available online at www.storystudio.ca



What we will do:

Working in collaboration with your teachers, we will bring the *Bookmaker* program to your school, consisting of:

Story Studio
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807121504RR0001

- 1) Specialized programming for two classes: three 90-minute workshops with our trained facilitators and volunteers. (Total of 9 hours of instruction for up to 2 classes/50 students)
- 2) Each student participant receives a professionally bound copy of their own unique story (approx. 50 books)
- 3) Each school library also receives a copy of every student book produced (approx. 50 books)

4) All participating teachers receive a guide for supporting student writers during the program, and extension activities for encouraging students after our visit.

Thank you for inspiring me to make my story better and helping me!

Thank you for all the good ideas you gave me to be a better writer!

Thank you so much for coming and teaching us how to write these awesome stories.

Workshop participants
(Ages 12-13)

You guys are wonderful! Thank you for teaching our children to love storytelling!

Teacher

Our workshop was fantastic and I can hardly wait to participate next year! I enjoyed it/learned as much as the students did.

Teacher

The positive impact:

When the Story Studio team visits your school, the academic and social benefits are enormous. Within the participating classes:

- We support every student through a high adult:child ratio
- We make youth eager to write and motivate disengaged students
- We provide every child with their own professional-quality publication: their story in print!
- We supplement teachers' work in meeting the BC New Curriculum guidelines

The entire school community also experiences long-lasting benefits:

- Copies of all student work are placed in your school library, creating a sense of pride in the student writers by sharing their work, while motivating their peers throughout the school to engage in reading and writing
- Teachers leave our workshops with new skills and resources, positively impacting their classes in the future
- During the week that Story Studio staff works within your school, creative writing is celebrated: we run school-wide writing contests, profile great books for young writers and more.

Our request

The Story Studio Writing Society is a charitable non-profit that operates with limited resources, relying heavily on donations, grants and sponsorships to sustain our programs. The full cost of the time and materials for Story Studio to deliver programming to one school can be almost \$2000. We subsidize this as much as we can, and have created a sliding scale for our fee because we know schools often cannot pay the full cost of the program.

To this end, we are requesting your school make a contribution of \$250 - \$500 (13%-15% of program cost) by November 1, 2017. Please consider funding this contribution, so that we can work with your students in the coming year. Of course, we would be happy to provide any further information you might need.

Sincerely,



Sean Rodman, Executive Director

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