

YouthWrite Society Canada

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Dear Friends of YouthWrite (Librarians, English Language Arts Department Heads, Teachers, School Counsellors, Librarians, Book Stores and others!),

As we hope you know, **YouthWrite®** is a camp for kids who love to write...just about anything!® Our camps carry on a tradition created and established in 1996, encouraging young people from all over Alberta and beyond to foster their talents for creativity and writing. In keeping with the mandate of our non-profit and charitable arts organization, **YouthWrite Society Canada**, we invite Alberta's professional authors, poets, illustrators, songwriters, and artists to join our instructional team to mentor and guide young writers of tomorrow. This letter marks the twenty-ninth year of our work and collective passion.

YouthWrite® provides opportunities for youth to express themselves through the arts. While we emphasize creative writing, we use all the arts—visual, performing, dance, musical, theatre—as a springboard to writing. **YouthWrite** offers a safe place for young people to take artistic risks, to build confidence, and to hone important skills in thinking, speaking, listening, representing, reading, viewing and writing. We work very hard to ensure a diverse population of participants (and instructors), with special attention paid to encouraging Indigenous, Black, 2SLGBTQ+, Francophone, new-Canadian, low-income youth, and youth with disabilities to attend. **YouthWrite** focuses on building literacy, critical and creative thinking, and youth leadership skills so essential to the 21st Century, and we offer some scholarships for equity-seeking youth or those in financial need.

Many participants have expressed that **YouthWrite** is or was a life-changing experience for them, a way to connect and form community and to network with others who have a similar passion. For a young person, such experiences are pivotal. Under the tutelage of caring and expert mentors, we have witnessed that young lives can be redirected and altered for the better. We have watched many young people bloom and grow.

There are competing young writers' camps in this province, but none has the expertise or proven track record of **YouthWrite**. We ask your help in spreading the good **YouthWrite** word and would so appreciate your sharing the enclosed information about our unique camp with students, parents, patrons and/or colleagues. I am happy to discuss our program with you should you have any questions, and we are always up for a spring Zoom or in-person visit to your school, library, or community. If you'd like additional posters, just let me know! You may contact me at info@youthwrite.com or at (780)996-4962.

Many thanks for your support,

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