

WRITING RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

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Christian Mondor, Canada Council for the Arts

The Canada Council's mandate is to foster and promote the arts in Canada through the provision of grants to professional Canadian artists and arts organizations

Grants

If you and your teachers can find a professional artist or non-profit group to pull together a project: book of short stories, for examples. Illustrations. An audio book, perhaps. Video.

<http://canadacouncil.ca/en/writing-and-publishing/find-grants-and-prizes/grants/grants-for-literary-arts-promotion-project-grants>

November is NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH (NaNoWriMo)

There is an online community specifically for Young Writers. It includes educator resources

<http://nanowrimo.org/en/ywp>

Giorgia Severini

Writers Guild Of Alberta mail@writersguild.ab.ca

Contests/Submission (excellent info if you want to get published)

<http://youngalbertawriters.com/resources/>

Youth Writing Markets

Literary magazines:

The Claremont Review	http://www.theclaremontreview.ca
Cyberkids	http://www.cyberkids.com
Grip	http://griponlife.ca
KidsWWwrite	http://www.kalwriters.com/kidswwwrite/
New Moon	http://www.newmoon.com
Stone Soup	http://www.stonesoup.com
Re:Verse	http://www.youngpoets.ca/?q=location/ezone
Youthink	http://www.youthink.ca

Contests:

Canadian Student Writing Resources Contest Links

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/susanio/WWCcomp.html#contests>

Isabel Miller Young Writers' Award

<http://writersguild.ab.ca/Youth-Programs.asp#IsabelMiller>

Martin Godfrey Young Writers Award

<http://yabs.ab.ca/Martyn-Godfrey.asp>

Pandora's Collective Poetry Contests

<http://www.pandorascollective.com/what-we-do/contests>

Edmonton Poetry Festival: The Poetry Route
<http://www.edmontonpoetryfestival.com/index.php?id=224>

Young Poets Markets and Contests
http://www.youngpoets.ca/markets_and_contests

Writing Groups and Camps:
Bennett Centre Writing Camps
<http://bennettcentre.epsb.ca/camps.shtml>

WordsWorth Summer Writing Camp
<http://youngalbertawriters.com/wordsworth.html>

WGA Teen Writing Groups (Edmonton and Calgary)
<http://youngalbertawriters.com/writing-groups>

Reality is Optional Writing Club (Calgary)
www.realityisoptional.weebly.com

Writing ROCKS! (Sherwood Park)
http://www.wfscsherwoodpark.com/writing_rocks

Young Authors' Conference (Sherwood Park)
<http://sites.google.com/site/youngauthorsconference/>

The Canadian Children's Book Centre
Meghan Howe, Library Coordinator Meghan@bookcentre.ca

In addition to the following resource list they sent me, The Canadian Children's Book Centre sponsors author tours across Canada each year to celebrate Book Week. Information on this tour and how to apply to host an author is here: <http://www.bookweek.ca/application>

They also run an annual Book Week Writing Contest for grades 4 -12, at the beginning of the calendar year .
<http://www.bookweek.ca/book-week/2013/book-week-2013-writing-contest>

Kids Publishing List

The Canadian Children's Book Centre
Suite 217, 40 Orchard View Blvd.
Toronto, Ontario M4R 1B9
Tel: 416.975.0010 Fax: 416.975.8970
Email: info@bookcentre.ca
Website: www.bookcentre.ca

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WRITING BY CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS
~ WHERE TO GET PUBLISHED!

Books and Magazines...

THE CLAREMONT REVIEW

4980 Wesley Road
Victoria, BC V8Y 1Y9
T: 250.658.5221 (weekdays, September to June)
F : 250.658.5387
E: l Moran@telus.net (Linda Moran, Managing Editor)
www.theclaremontreview.ca

- . Publishes poetry, short stories, short plays, graphic art, photography and interviews by youth ages 13-19.
- . Manuscripts should be typed and cannot be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed envelope and sufficient Canadian postage or International Reply Coupons.
- . Please include a brief biography with your submission.
- . Submission guidelines and samples from back issues can be found at:
www.theclaremontreview.ca/submit.htm
- . Submissions welcome from anywhere in the English speaking world.

TEEN INK

Box 30
Newton, MA 02461
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www.teenink.com/submit

- . Teen Ink is a national teen magazine, book series and website dedicated to publishing a variety of works written by teenagers aged 13 to 19. They accept fiction and non-fiction stories, poems, reviews, art and photographs.
- . Work should be labeled as fiction or non-fiction, include a title, and be typed or printed in ink. Teen Ink recommends submitting your work online through their website.
- . Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to be sent an acknowledgement that they received your work.
- . Please include your name, year of birth, home address, city, province and postal code, your phone number, the name of your school and your English teacher and your email address so they can notify you if your work has been published. If you wish to remain anonymous, please indicate this clearly on your piece. Teen Ink will respect your request and not display your name – but you still must include your name and address information with your submission for their records.
- . Submission guidelines can be found at www.teenink.com/submit

YOUNG VOICES ~ Library Magazine for Teens by Teens
Annual Magazine Contest

<http://ramp.torontopubliclibrary.ca/secondary/expressyourself/writinggonewild/youngvoicesmagazine/three-content.jsp>

- . Publishes original poems, stories, essays, articles, reviews, and artwork for cover design and within the book by young adult writers and artists ages 12-19, who live or go to school in the City of Toronto.
- . Download the submission form from Toronto Public Library's website. Fill it out and attach it to your work, and drop it off at any public library branch. Written work can be submitted online.
- . Selected entries will be published by the Toronto Public Library.

Online Publications...

KidsWWwrite

www.kalwriters.com/kidswwwrite/index.html

- . If you are 16 or under and like to write stories or poems, this site is for you.
- . Publishes writing by young authors and offers you a chance to share it with the world.
- . Submissions must include the child's name, age, geographical location and email address but only the first name, age and city are published with the writing.
- . Writing should be submitted using the online form available on the website.
- . Please see www.kalwriters.com/kidswwwrite/write.html for submission details.

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YOUNG POETS

http://www.youngpoets.ca/?q=youth_home

“Our main aim is to promote the poetry of young Canadians. Don't be shy; send us your thoughts, rants, musings, lyrics, voices in your head and all things poetry.”

- . Keep your submissions to 3-5 of your best poems, more if they are very short, less if they are very long.
- . The best way to send text is right in the body of your email.
- . Email submissions to: reverseezine@gmail.com
- . Young Poets is striving to publish poems in all formats: audio, video, animation or anything else you can come up with. If you can send it via email, they'll take it. They also publish Re:Verse, an ezine for young poets.
- . Please see website for submission details.

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY – RAMP

<http://ramp.torontopubliclibrary.ca>

RAMP is a place for Toronto youth to find information on jobs, books, volunteering, library services, schools, entertainment and much more in and around Toronto. It's also a place where teens can contribute their ideas and art to discuss and share with other teens. Under the “Express Yourself” section, you will see artwork and creative writing submitted by teens.

Helpful Websites...

BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL ~ A GUIDE FOR YOUNG WRITERS

www.janetmcnaughton.ca/publishing.htm

. Helpful tips on books about writing, getting published, how to submit your work, links to poetry website and web-zines.

PUBLISH YOUR CREATIVE WORK ~ ON-LINE THEME PAGES

www.cln.org/themes/publish.html

. Has links to resources which will help students to publish their creative work (stories, poetry, art, etc) on-line.

SCHOLASTIC CANADA – For Young Writers

www.scholastic.ca/kids/authorsandillustrators/tipsforwriters/

. Lists resources for young writers.

YOUNG ALBERTA BOOK SOCIETY

www.yabs.ab.ca/

. Administers the Martyn Godfrey Young Writers Award for Alberta youth.

Resources...

. Books About Writing:

Be a Writing Superstar

Written by Joel A. Sutherland
Illustrated by Patricia Storms
Toronto: Scholastic Canada, 2010
978-0-545-98000-5

Draw & Write Your Own Picture Book

Written by Emily Hearn and Mark Thurman
Markham: Pembroke Publishers Limited, 1990
0-921217-46-3

For Those About to Write: How I Learned to Love Books and Why I Had to Write Them

Written by Dave Bidini
Toronto: Tundra Books, 2007

978-0-88776-769-2

Write Now! How to turn your ideas into great stories

Written by Karleen Bradford
Richmond Hill: Scholastic Canada Limited, 1988
0-590-24931-2

Writing Maniac: How I grew up to be a writer (and you can, too!)

Written by Sheree Fitch
Markham: Pembroke Publishers Limited, 2000
1-55138-121-4

Writing Your Best Picture Book Ever

Written by Kathy Stinson

Illustrated by Alan and Lea Daniel

Markham: Pembroke Publishers Limited, 1994

1-55138-028-5

When I Grow Up, I Want to Be a Writer

Written by Cynthia MacGregor

Montreal: Lobster Press, 2001

1-894222-42-3

The Young Writer's Companion

Written by Sarah Ellis

Toronto: Groundwood Books, 1999

0-88899-411-7

. Books About Canadian Authors and Illustrators and How They Work:

The Storymakers: Writing Children's Books

Compiled by The Canadian Children's Book Centre

Markham: Pembroke Publishers Limited, 2000

1-55138-108-7

The Storymakers: Illustrating Children's Books

Compiled by The Canadian Children's Book Centre

Markham: Pembroke Publishers Limited, 1999

1-55138-107-9

Meet Canadian Authors & Illustrators (Revised Edition)

Written by Allison Gertridge

Markham: Scholastic Canada Limited, 2002

0-439-98780-6