

• YOUNG AUTHOR'S CONFERENCE •

The Young Author's Conference is a **voluntary** writing program organized by School District No.73. The goals of the program are to encourage and to recognize students who enjoy writing and to broaden their literary interests.

- **Who?** For Grades 4-7 students who enjoy writing AND submit a manuscript. (one script, one short story, one illustrated/graphic text (8-12 pages copied in colour or black and white), or at least two poems per student. Maximum of 1000 words)
- **What?** Students attend three 80-90 minute writing workshops taught by authors.

When? Friday, May 3 (Full day)

Where? Thompson Rivers University

Note: Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation and are not accompanied by a Marion Schilling teacher. Students will be met and supervised by school district staff/ the YAC organizing team.

- **Why?** To improve writing skills and collaborate with others who enjoy writing!
- **How?** Let Mrs. Anderson know if you are interested. You will be responsible for submitting an original manuscript by

Thursday, April 11

Cost to attend: \$25

If you have any questions about this program please email Mrs. Anderson at micananderson@exc.sd73.bc.ca



School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)

Young Authors' Conference Grades 4-12 (In-person at TRU May 3)

2024 Manuscript Criteria

- ❖ manuscripts are required for students attending the conference in person
- ❖ manuscripts must feature an **original** work (English or French)
 - one prose (short fiction, creative nonfiction, or or excerpt from a larger work)
 - one script (act or scene from play)
 - two poems
 - one illustrated/graphic text (12 pages maximum copied black and white on regular letter 8.5 x 11 paper)
- ❖ maximum of 1000 words
- ❖ carefully edited for capitals, punctuation, and spelling
- ❖ no foul language
- ❖ list first initial or name, last name, grade, school, and title on the top of each page
- ❖ number each page
- ❖ word-process using Arial 12 or Times New Roman 12 and double-space
- ❖ no title pages or art work (unless illustrated/graphic text)
- ❖ share single-sided printed copy with your school contact when requested
- ❖ school contact sends printed copies to the YAC team by April 19

Please note:

- It is important that you carefully edit your **original** manuscript and format it correctly.
- Remember to keep a copy of your manuscript.
- The submitted copy will become the property of the Young Authors' Conference.
- All manuscripts will be posted on the SD73 Young Authors' Conference website.
- All manuscripts received **on time** will be considered for recognition and the Marg Van Dusen Award.

We look forward to reading your manuscript. Thank you!