



SCHOOL-YOUTH PROGRAM

2011-2012 K-8 Teachers' Guide

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Welcome to the Frye Festival!

"Wherever illiteracy is a problem, it's as fundamental a problem as getting enough to eat or a place to sleep. The native language takes precedence over every other subject of study: nothing else can compare with it in usefulness."

Northrop Frye, *The Educated Imagination*, 1963.

What is the Frye Festival?

Each year in the month of April, English and French authors from all regions of Canada—as well as other countries—converge in Moncton, New Brunswick, to take part in the Frye Festival. Published writers participate in readings, conferences, panel discussions, school visits, workshops, book clubs, book launches and many other events.

The Festival strongly supports the acquisition of literacy skills. Because of this, the School-Youth Program has become a vital component of our Festival.



The Festival, with the cooperation of the District Offices and school staff, distributes all information related to the School-Youth Program to the schools.

The Frye Festival is dependent on the goodwill and support of the teachers and schools to provide encouragement for student participation in the festival. We greatly appreciate the teachers' interest and support!

We hope you enjoy our 2011-2012 edition! Happy reading!

The Frye Festival Team



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Guidelines for Schools Hosting Authors



Since the Festival began in 2000, more than 60,000 students from kindergarten to grade 12 have had the chance to interact with Festival authors. The Festival—with the support of the District Offices and teachers from schools all over Districts 1, 2, 9 and 11—organizes more than 150 writers-in-the-schools visits annually. Each year, authors visit schools to read from their works. They also conduct workshops and inspire students to read, write and perform their own works. Thanks to our sponsors, the School-Youth Program continues to grow every year and currently impacts at least 10,000 students a year.

The Festival will work with a contact person in each school to establish a schedule for one or more authors to visit the school. Once the schedule is confirmed, please ensure that a person has been designated to welcome the author at the school entrance and to accompany the author to the classroom or auditorium in which the author is scheduled for his/her presentation.

- Introduce the author to the students using biographical notes (provided by the Festival). Schools are also encouraged to research the author and provide additional information if desired.
- Please have a glass of water available for the author during his/her presentation.
- It is important to set up and test all electronic equipment (microphone, overhead projector, audio-visual support, etc) requested by the author prior to the author's arrival in order to ensure it is functional. The author may contact the school before his/her visit in order to confirm the details of his/her presentation or you may contact them if their contact information has been provided.
- ***Any changes to schedule (times, number of presentations, etc.) must be approved by the Festival before being proposed to the author.** During a school visit, authors may either prepare a workshop for the students or read an excerpt from their work followed by a question and answer period. Students may ask questions related to the authors' work, their craft and their life experience as a writer. In addition, authors from other countries are often happy to answer questions related to their culture and homeland.
- Please have teachers remain in the classroom during the author's presentation. Please do not leave the students alone with the author.
- At the end of the presentation, teachers may request that the author sign his/her book (that has been donated to the school by the Frye Festival) for the school library.
- After the presentation, we ask that the teacher kindly complete the evaluation form provided by Festival organizers. It is important that the number of students attending the presentation be recorded on the form. Such information enables the festival to

Great, books seemed interesting, good job at describing. He interacted well with us and it was enjoyable. Was very funny and interesting. Have an autograph session after. – Riverview Middle School Student, following Kenneth Oppel's visit.



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Frye Festival Activities for K-8

School-Youth Program

More than 10,000 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 participate every year in the Festival. Within this major program we offer youth performance events (*Café Underground* and *Budding Writers*), a writing display (*Imagination at Work*) and creation opportunities (Writing Contest). Festival authors meet students in schools all over New Brunswick inspiring them to see the power and fun of words – all at absolutely no cost to schools.



Imagination at Work

Elementary Writing Display (K to grade 4)

Each year the Festival prepares a display of texts written by our very young authors from kindergarten to grade 4. The display is mounted in a public space for the duration of the Festival, allowing the public to come and appreciate the creative talent of our young people.

Because this is such a popular event, we ask that only **one piece of work per grade** be submitted (one side only of an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of paper), in order to ensure that there is enough space for every submission on the display area. The younger students may include a drawing, but submissions **MUST** have text. Submit selected texts to **Mélissa Cormier** at P.O. Box 26023, Moncton NB, E1E 4H9 by **March 9th**. All texts will be returned after the Festival is over: please ensure **the full name, grade and school of the student is clearly indicated on the top right corner of the page.**

Budding Writers

Public readings for Budding Writers (grades 5 to 8)

Keep your eyes open for developing writers in your classroom! Your school may be invited to submit the name of a qualified student who would like to read their work in front of an audience at an event during the Festival. It is a unique opportunity for a student to share their work with the public while representing their school. Readings will be limited to 5 minutes per student.

This event will take place on Saturday, April 30th. **Students must complete the registration form** (see page *). Teachers, please then send to Mélissa Cormier at melissa@frye.ca by **March 9th**.

KidsFest

Do not miss this wonderful celebration for children of all ages and their parents.



KidsFest provides a multitude of activities focused on the magic of words: games, book swaps, crafts, storytelling and readings by renowned authors in children's literature from all across Canada. KidsFest is presented in partnership with the City of Moncton.

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Activity checklist for 2011-2012 School Year

End of January

I have received/ my school has received:

- Details and deadlines for Budding Writers (grades 5-8, selected schools only) or Imagination at Work (K- 4)
- Student Registration form for Budding Writers (5-8, selected schools only)

February

I have talked to my students about participating in:

- Budding Writers (5-8, selected schools)

February-March

- If approached, I have recruited a student for the Budding Writers.
- I have planned to have my students write texts for Imagination at work (K-4).

March

- I have verified that the participating student has submitted his/her registration form (page 13) for the Budding Writers (5-8). Send to **Mélissa Cormier** by **March 9th**.
- I have sent the selected texts (**one per grade** per school) for the Imagination at Work (K-4) to **Mélissa Cormier** by **March 9th**.

April (if I am hosting an author)

- I have received an author sheet with presentation details and an author biography
- I have received a copy (or an excerpt) of the author's book.
- I have chosen and confirmed a presenter for the author (can be a student or another person from the school).
- I have received and read the guidelines for schools hosting authors (contained in the Teachers' Guide).
- I have made arrangements for a room and technical equipment (if applicable).
- I have prepared my students for the presentation.

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