

School District No. 73 - 2021 Young Authors' Conference (Virtual)

Grades 6-7 Writing Workshops

<p>Thursday, April 29 10:30-11:45</p>	<p>Zoom Link: TBA via SD73 School Contact prior to April 28th Meeting ID: TBA Password: TBA</p>	
<p>Michelle Mulder</p> 	<p>MICHELLE MULDER is the author of several novels for young people, including <i>The Vegetable Museum</i> and <i>After Peaches</i>. She's also written seven books in the nonfiction <i>Orca Footprints</i> series, including <i>Home Sweet Neighborhood</i> and <i>Pedal It</i>. When not writing, she can be found pedaling around her neighborhood, foraging wild foods with her daughter, or watching the wild creatures that live nearby.</p> <p>How can teachers prepare students? - "Teachers could visit http://www.michellemulder.com/ and share the books I write."</p>	<p>WHO SAID THAT?</p> <p>Ever noticed how two people can tell completely different stories about the same event? This workshop explores voice, point of view, the art of paying attention to details, and how to develop a character through dialogue and other clues. We'll discuss who gets to tell certain stories, and we'll play with some stories of our own. Get ready for some fun writing exercises that will get your creative juices flowing!</p> <p>Supplies: pencil/pen and writing paper (lined or blank)</p>
<p>Thursday, April 29 1:15-2:25</p>	<p>Zoom Link: TBA via SD73 School Contact prior to April 28th Meeting ID: TBA Password: TBA</p>	
<p>Marcie Nestman</p> 	<p>MARCIE NESTMAN is an actor, voice-over actor, and writing and theatre instructor. She is the playwright, along with Kari-Lynn Winters of <i>On My Walk</i>. Marcie is a graduate from the Theatre program at Mount Royal University in Calgary, and also studied at The Neighborhood Playhouse in New York City. She has appeared in numerous TV commercials, Film, TV, and theatre productions. Marcie has taught numerous workshops for young actors and writers in Canada, Korea, and Thailand.</p> <p>How can teachers prepare students? -</p>	<p>A MILE IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES</p> <p>In this workshop, Marcie Nestman explores the behaviours, mannerisms, and fashion associated with "high" and "low" status characters to help writers build stronger descriptions. Marcie will guide the class through interactive role-playing activities to help participants explore character interactions.</p> <p>Supplies: pencil or other writing utensil, blank paper</p> <p>Note: This workshop is open to students in Grades 4-7.</p>
<p>Friday, April 30 10:30-11:45</p>	<p>Zoom Link: TBA via SD73 School Contact prior to April 28th Meeting ID: TBA Password: TBA</p>	
<p>Tanya Lloyd Kyi</p> 	<p>TANYA LLOYD KYI is the author of more than 25 books for children and young adults. She loves to write about science, pop culture, and history. Her most recent works include <i>This Is Your Brain on Stereotypes</i> and the novel <i>Me and Banksy</i>. Tanya lives in Vancouver with her husband, two teenage children, and a mischievous puppy.</p> <p>How can teachers prepare students? "They could look at the fight or flight response, and how people react to stress. My books <i>When the Worst Happens</i> and <i>Under Pressure: The Science of Stress</i> could be used as resources."</p>	<p>SURVIVAL STORIES</p> <p>All great stories – fiction and non-fiction – rely on conflict and problem-solving. And people face problems in predictable ways. They act or they freeze; they seize control or they panic. In this workshop, students might find their characters stranded on a desert island or at sea in a lifeboat. Will they survive? Students will leave the workshop with a new understanding of how conflict raises the stakes in storytelling, and how characters develop through choices they make.</p> <p>Supplies: pencil or other writing utensil, lined paper</p>