



YMCA of Greater Vancouver

Volunteer Opportunity

Creative Writing Facilitator

The YMCA of Greater Vancouver is a charitable association dedicated to the development of people in spirit, mind and body as well as the improvement of local, national and international communities.

Job Summary

The Creative Writing Program is an eight-week program that provides children with the opportunity to develop their writing skills and gain confidence as writers through active, engaging and meaningful activities. Through weekly two hour sessions, Creative Writing Facilitators expose school-age children to quality literature, engage them in fun activities that build strong writing skills and provide them with opportunities to develop their literacy skills.

The program is supported by YMCA staff, but is planned and facilitated by volunteers with a background or enthusiasm for creative writing. This program is based out of our Bob & Kay Ackles YMCA Nanook House Early Childhood Centre, located in a highly vulnerable area of Vancouver. We are seeking volunteers with experience in working with children with developmental delays, health or behavioural issues and people who are caring, supportive and passionate about writing and literacy.

Program: Bob & Kay Ackles YMCA Nanook House (children aged 5 – 12)

Location: 1255 East 10th Avenue, Vancouver V5T 2B6

Day/Time: Wednesdays from approximately 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Start Date: As soon as possible

Time Commitment: 8 weeks

*For more information on the Bob & Kay Ackles YMCA Nanook House, please check out:

<http://www.vanymca.org/childcare/bobkayacklesymcananookhouse.html>

Requirements

- Experience working with children
- Desire to teach and engage children about different writing styles
- Strong organizational skills & able to work independently
- Completion of volunteer documentation with criminal record check
- Able to commit to volunteer once a week for a minimum of eight weeks
- Background in or passion for writing, journalism, literature or related field an asset

Competencies

- **Commitment to organization vision and values:** Demonstrates and promotes a personal understanding of and appreciation for the mission, vision, strategic outcomes and values of the YMCA





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- **Communication:** Communicates in a thorough, clear and timely manner and supports information sharing and goal achievement across the YMCA
- **Teamwork:** Actively builds teams and encourages open relationships for maximum organizational effectiveness
- **Planning and Organizing:** Establishes a clearly defined and effective course of action for self and others to accomplish short and long term work goals

Benefits

- Be a part of the YMCA team and promote the YMCA of Greater Vancouver's mission, vision, and core values
- Make a difference in a child's life
- Meet other volunteers with similar interests
- Gain valuable experience working with children and in literacy education

Application Guidelines/Contact

Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to:
Recruitment Coordinator, YMCA Child Care
e-mail: childcarevolunteers@vanymca.org

