



becoming a member of
Young Alberta Book Society



The Young Alberta Book Society has been bring together literary artists- authors, illustrators and storytellers- with students from every part of the province for 25 years. We run a variety of programs, from the month-long and province-wide Taleblazers, to Word Power in the northeast, Story Avenue in inner cities, and other short term events. See page 2 for details.

For more information about our programs please go to www.yabs.ab.ca and click on "Taleblazers" or "Our Programs" on the buttons on the left corner.

The benefits to members, beyond touring and presentation opportunities, are: promotion of you and your work on our website and by ongoing public and media communications; and professional development opportunities such as workshops run by your peers in the literary arts community.

Who is eligible? Any professionally published (not self published) author or illustrator of children's literature in Alberta. Storytellers need to apply for membership with a full resume, 2 letters of reference from organizations who have paid them to present, and a letter of recommendation from a current YABS storyteller (we can connect you with someone if necessary).

The cost? \$30 per year.

The process? Go to our website www.yabs.ab.ca and click "Become a Member" on the left side; on the next page, select "Click here to register online..." . We will confirm receipt of your application as soon as we receive it. Your cheque should be mailed to 11759 Groat Road, Edmonton T5M 3K6.

Questions? Call 780.422.8232 or email info@yabs.ab.ca



How it works: Taleblazers

Participation: Each year we invite artists who have been involved in previous years to tour with Taleblazers, our "main" program. If they want to be involved they join the Young Alberta Book Society and provide us details about their requirements.

Fees: are set by each individual artist. The *minimum* fee is \$150 per half day. YABS charges a *5% booking fee* on all Taleblazer presentations. If you have a *GST* number we will collect the *GST* and remit your payments with it included.

Presentations: are generally 60 minutes in length, but artists and hosts are expected to communicate with each other and sort out the details of the visit in advance. Most artists do 2 presentations per half day, 4 per full day. Artists determine the audience age and size they choose to work with; many will do readings with large groups (several classes) and workshops with smaller groups (1 class at a time).

Travel and Accommodations: YABS books all travel and accommodation for touring artists, based on preferences and requirements (within reason!) of each individual, but each artist will pay for their own expenses and submit a detailed claim form, with original receipts, at the end of each week of the festival. Every effort is made to pay artists within a day of receiving a claim form.

How it works: other programs

Sometimes program presenters are invited, to fulfill specific requirements. Sometimes we invite all member artists to apply to a juried process for other programs.

For these programs the fees are generally determined by YABS (and our partners) and are always equal to or above what the average Taleblazer presenters charge. Travel and accommodations are covered in part or in full, as negotiated for each event.

Thanks for your interest. We look forward to working with you!