



CHRISTIANNE'S LYCEUM
OF LITERATURE AND ART

SUMMER AT THE LYCEUM

**Programs from Preschool to Young Adult
June 23 - August 29, 2025**



About Christianne's Lyceum

Christianne's Lyceum is a centre that celebrates literature and art and puts it at the centre of family and community life. Through programs that emphasize making connections between literature and what's going on in the outside world, the Lyceum encourages young people to see themselves as readers, writers and artists, as they engage with abstract ideas and reflect on their own place in society. Armed with these experiences, students begin to seek possibility and explore ways that they can use their voices and actions to participate in their communities.

About Summer Camps at Christianne's Lyceum

Our summer camps support children and youth as they engage in the process of creating — discovering the joy of manipulating materials with their hands, transforming media to leave traces for others to decode and make meaning, experiencing the thrill of watching words pile up on a blank sheet of paper, or inventing imaginative worlds and daring to get lost in them. Our staff gently facilitate these creative endeavours, helping young people see the initial concepts of their stories or art projects come to fruition. We co-construct curriculum to recognize the partnership between teacher and learner. Lyceum staff listen carefully to students' reactions and questions, and allow them to guide the direction of further investigations. This means the summer camp your child attends will take into account their interests and experiences, tailoring curriculum to meet, support and challenge them.

At the end of each camp, we'll send home a brief snapshot of our time together to let parents in on the magic we've conjured.



Dr. Christianne Hayward, Ph.D

Dr. Hayward is the primary architect and teacher of each summer camp. She brings more than thirty years of experience as an educator, storyteller, post-secondary school professor, teacher consultant and pioneer of community literary programs to every literary and creative investigation that evolves in our studio. As class sizes are capped at approximately twelve students, each young artist will have the chance to work closely with Dr. Hayward, with additional support from her staff of artists and writers, as well as two to three of our wonderful volunteers.

What Makes Our Summer Camps Unique

- A focus on the process of making, and on valuing such making as a sustaining, life-long activity
- Co-constructed curriculum which makes it possible to meet individual needs of participants
- High-quality art materials
- A welcoming, inspiring and spacious environment
- The flexibility to meet children where they are and honour their individual timelines
- Outings that support camp inquiries
- Documentation, which is provided after each camp
- An emphasis on process over product
- Actual fairies, real magic and endless wonder



Snack

We provide an individually prepared healthy snack for participants that includes rice crackers, cheese, a variety of fruit, seaweed or a granola bar and water. We are able to accommodate most allergies. The Lyceum is a peanut-free environment. Whenever possible, we try to have a picnic snack in our local park to bring our adventures outdoors.

Age Restrictions

Age restrictions for our programs are guidelines only.

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TO REGISTER

Call us at

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Email us at

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Visit us at

4433 West 10th Avenue

Or

**Chant the magic words at
the stroke of midnight**

Need a Full Day?

We offer lunchtime supervision on days when morning and afternoon camps fall within the same age category. Please let us know if you'd like to take advantage of this service, and send your child with a packed lunch. We have a fridge and microwave for your convenience. The cost to add this extra 1.5 hours is \$15 per child.

We also offer early drop off or late pick up for those who need a slightly more flexible schedule. The cost for this extra time is \$10/half hour per child. Please let us know in advance so we can accommodate your needs.



Scan to download our registration form

2025 Summer Program

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
	Insects in the City 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM					
	Greening our Thumbs 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM					
June 29	June 30	1	2	3	4	5
			Digging for Dinosaurs 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM			
			Becorns Call Down the Birds 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM			
			Creative Writing Tutoring 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Our Lives are like Quilts: Bits and Pieces Stitched Together with Love 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM					
	Dungeons and Dragons 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM					
	Sacha's Camp - Homage to The Lord of the Rings 6:00PM - 9:00 PM					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Hogwarts Class of '25 is in Session 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM					
	Beach Hop Poetry 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Storied Weavings 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM					
	The Art of Science 1:30pm - 4:30PM					
	Creative Writing Tutoring 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM					



Preschool (Ages 3 to 5)

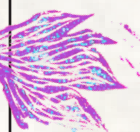


Primary (Ages 5 to 9)



Program Calendar

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	Celebrating Trina Schart Hyman's Love of Medieval Times 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM					
	Upcycling Wood Scraps into Acrylic Works of Art 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM					
	The Dark Lady of Shakespeare's Sonnets 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Finding the Fun in Poetry with Tiffany Stone 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM				Harry Potter Sleepover 6:00 PM - 11:00 AM Sunday
		Tiny Faces in Unexpected Places 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM				
		Flat Felting: Fusing Wool Fibres into Images 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	The Miniature Worlds in Children's Literature 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM					
	Penny's Camp: Flash Fiction 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM				Sleepover with the Fae 6:00 PM - 11:00 AM	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Forest Imprint Watercolours 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM					
	Journaling and Drawing Through the Neighbourhood 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM					
	Tea, Cakes and Fine China 6:00PM - 9:00 PM					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Five Authorstrators Every Preschooler Should Know 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM					
	Community of Hanging Fairy Globes 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM					
	Essays, but Fun 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM					

Once upon a time there were some magical camps for PRESCHOOLERS (Ages 3 to 5)



Insects in the City

June 23 to 27 (5 mornings) 9:00am to 12:00pm Ages 3 to 5 \$306 + GST

There are few things quite as exciting as the anticipation of flipping that shaded, odd lyshaped and slightly wet stone in the corner of your backyard. Cool to the touch, it's like uncovering hidden treasure, except this kind has legs...lots and lots of legs. We dedicate one week each year to the study of all things creepy crawly. This delicate yet hardy sub-section of our ecosystem provides the foundation for the food we eat and the plants we grow.

We'll spend part of each morning outside conducting our own field research into what scuttles around our new neighbourhood. Armed with magnifying glasses and bug catchers, we'll examine our 6 legged friends and maybe some of their garden associates up close and personal before using them as the inspiration for our own multimedia art projects. Campers will use textured paper and Sculpey figures to create natural scenes that will

be impossible for our creepy crawlies to resist.

This program is catch and release.



Greening our Thumbs

June 23 to 27 (5 afternoons) 1:30pm to 4:30pm Ages 3 to 5 \$306 + GST

There's nothing more grounding (both literally and figuratively) than sifting rich soil through your fingers as you tuck a baby plant into bed. During this camp, we want to spend the week celebrating the wonder of mother nature with your preschooler.

Christianne will delve into her expansive catalog of literature, exploring how different artists and illustrators showcase the beauty and complexity of the flora around us. After an interactive storytime, we'll head outdoors to visit our community and laneway

garden beds and use our own illustrated mini plant guide to identify common city flora. We'll use these learnings to create a tiny rock garden planter complete with mosses, sedum and small pathways that lead to secret hideaways for seeds.

We will also try our hand at making moss paint and tiny shell gardens to brighten little nooks in forgotten places.



Digging for Dinosaurs

July 2 to 4 (3 mornings) 9:00am to 12:00pm Ages 3 to 5 \$185 + GST

Even though the distance between us only continues to increase, our fascination with the mesozoic era seems to withstand the test of time. Prehistoric study is undoubtedly fascinating for all ages, but every year we find our preschoolers have a particular affinity for all things triassic, jurassic, and cretaceous. We'll raise the excitement level even more by taking your palaeontologists-in-training on their very first dig. Armed with spade, brush, and bucket, campers will delve deep into Jericho sands to see what treasure they can uncover.

Christianne will draw from her extensive collection of dinosaur literature to see how different authors have created captivating stories with mesmerising illustrations about these Triassic dwellers. Instead of treating our finds as purely ornamental, we'll help campers to turn their bones into something spectacular, a fossilised bone sculpture, complete with natural material adornments. Perhaps we'll see

incredible replicas, or maybe a new breed of dinosaur will be born; either way, we know your preschooler won't want to miss out.



Five Authorstrators Every Preschooler Should Know

August 25 to 29 (5 mornings) 9:00am to 12:00pm Ages 3 to 5 \$306 + GST

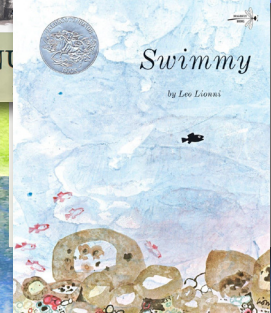
Another staple in the Lyceum's summer schedule, this camp will arm your preschooler with stories from the most influential children's authors/illustrators, or authorstrators. We'll cover classic favourites from Mo Willems to Lois Elhert, Leo Lionni to Rosemary Wells with Christianne highlighting their different styles and artistic sensibilities. This year we will also take time to explore the works of Helen Oxenbury, a British authorstrator who is somewhat of a treasure when it comes to children's literature.

Those of you who have ever attended programs with our youngest Lyceum-goers, will know the immersive experience that Christianne provides in her storytelling sessions as she shares her favourites from each authorstrator.

We'll examine the art style of all five authorstrators, exploring what unique characteristics define each of them, before campers try their hand at creating images in the same style. During this week, students hone their tastes as they learn to identify which styles resonate with their growing exposure to art.



Waiting for Wings Lois Elhert



The prince slept for a hundred years and dreamed of camps for **PRIMARY CAMPERS (Ages 5 to 9)**



Becorns Call Down the Birds



July 2 to 4 (3 afternoons) 1:30pm to 4:30pm Ages 5 to 12 \$185 + GST

Inspired by artist David Bird and his "little acorn people living big lives", this camp is brand new on the Lyceum roster. We've had so much fun exploring these original creations made from tiny acorns, and exhibiting larger than life personalities. Previously a designer for LEGO, it's no surprise that David's taken to building tiny captivating creatures to photograph in the wild. He's a creator dedicated to detail, whether with 3D plastic or natural materials.

After familiarizing ourselves with some of David's DIY video clips and calendar 'Becorns', Christianne will guide the group through making their own. We'll study local tree seeds, finding ways to tease out the personality that these found nature objects might hold (be it acorns, conkers, pine cones, or maple seed wings).

Of course they'll need something to help root them in nature, a place they can use to lean on after a long day of exploration. For this purpose exactly, we'll fashion small bird feeders out of upcycled and discarded teacup sets, before attaching our becorns in place to perch.

Whether they sit on a fencepost at home, or find their way to a friend, family member or loved one, be sure to visit often...they must just share a tale or two about all the places they've been.



Storied Weavings

July 21 to 25 (5 afternoons) 9:00am to 12:00pm Ages 5 to 9 \$306 + GST

One small Google search using the keyword "weaving" and you'll see that there are some utterly breathtaking creations out there. Tapestries and the art of weaving have been used to chronicle history for longer than we can remember, tying oral traditions with their visual representations.

For this camp, we will begin by delving into Christianne's picture book collection of stories told through symbols embodied in yarn. Then each student will create their own small wooden loom to set up with warp thread, before they shuttle their chosen yarns back and forth. This meditative practice will channel our inner zen, as we reap the rewards of creating artwork with our own two hands. Of course, looms will be individualized with acrylic paint and embellishments.

Students will be guided through from design to finished product; choosing whether they'd like to make a mug rug, placemat or wall hanging out of recycled yarn. The Lyceum resource bank houses every colour and texture of yarn you can imagine. In fact, if you need to match a yarn to repair a favourite item of clothing, make sure to bring it with you - there's a good chance we can help with that too.



Celebrating Trina Schart Hyman's Love of Medieval Times

July 28 to August 1 (5 mornings) 9:00am to 12:00pm Ages 5 to 12 \$306 + GST

Christianne's literary favourites rotate like most people's change in their pockets, but when talking illustrators, Trina Schart Hyman always features at the top. The detail and attention to authenticity in her images is unquantifiable; she has a distinct style and grace through which the most subtle nuances are illustrated and Christianne is an unabashed collector of her work.

Across our five mornings together we'll dive into the medieval realm of the Knights, focusing on a series of books gorgeously illustrated by Trina, but also including a few others from Christianne's substantial Arthurian collection.

We'll begin our shield crafting by designing a collection of four mini shields out of upcycled materials to mount and frame as a memory of our journey into medieval times.



In the days that follow, Lyceum staff will guide students through the impactful art of lino-printing, using rubber sheets rather than the traditional linoleum, as it is a more forgiving material for young artists new to carving. We'll invest attention in crafting our own shields or coat of arms to encompass all of the things that make us distinct and unique. After selecting a colour scheme, students will roll ink across their stamps, and print onto canvas sheeting to be hung inside or out... not dissimilar to those outside the home of the black knight himself.

This camp will become a firm favourite almost immediately.



Upcycling Wood Scraps into Acrylic Works of Art

July 28 to August 1 (5 afternoons) 1:30pm to 4:30pm Ages 5 to 9 \$306 + GST

Inspired by Canadian artist and illustrator Rae Maté, this camp is all about reusing, renewing and reinterpreting. Of course we'll begin each day by exploring Maté's whimsical, yet deeply expressive picture books; Christianne will provide the commentary and students will inevitably be drawn in by these captivating images.

As a group we'll create canvases by upcycling different types of wooden offcuts; some we'll find in the resource bin at the Lyceum, and some on a foray into our local urban naturescapes.

Students will have time to plan out the layers and arrangement of their pieces in a supportive group environment, before applying layers of acrylic paint to bring their works to life, sealing in the magic.

Your child may spend the week creating a larger masterpiece or a collection of small pieces to decorate a wall at home, a cabin, or another sentimental space.



Finding the Fun in Poetry with Tiffany Stone

August 5 to 8 (4 mornings) 9:00am to 12:00pm Ages 4 to 8 \$251 + GST

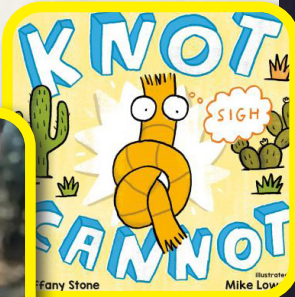


SIX LITTLE STICKS



A firm favourite among Lyceum audiences, Tiffany Stone is not only an author, but a performer in the truest sense of the word. She embodies every word when presenting at festivals and in classrooms and has never failed to lift the words from the page, making her story/poems come to life.

This summer, we've dedicated four days to her captivating works and each day we'll go on a brand new adventure with one of her books. Then we'll guide the group through writing their very first poem, with supportive staff, volunteers and Tiffany herself to scribe, so the ideas can flow freely. We will carry on to write and illustrate one piece each day. At the end of our creative venture, we'll collate and bind students' work sending home a commemorative collection of truly original pieces, with a special autographed insert from Tiffany herself.



Community of Hanging Fairy Globes

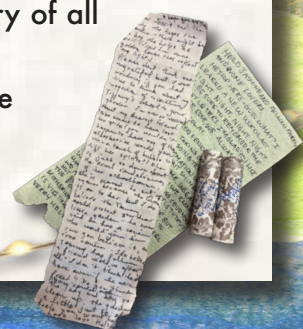
August 25 to 29 (5 afternoons) 1:30pm to 4:30pm Ages 5 to 12 \$306 + GST

The history of faerie lore at the Lyceum is rich and long standing!

Each person who bears witness to the magic retells it with their own twist, enriching it even further. We always allow time in the summer schedule to get together our faerie enthusiasts for an update - after all, it remains important to stay abreast of these almost imperceptible comings and goings.

Christianne will regale the group with tales of faerie friendship, familial ties and fiery interactions while they sip hot chocolate from faerie sized cups and crunch on popcorn. Once we're sufficiently satiated, we'll move on to tackle our craft for the week. This year we want to celebrate the natural diversity on our doorstep, by creating a series of three hanging miniature terrariums. We'll use one to represent the sea, one for the forest, and one for the mountains that frame the lower mainland. Students will have free range to use myriad tiny embellishments from the Lyceum's extensive library of all things tiny to fashion the most inviting environments for the fae.

Each participant will get the chance to create their own miniature faerie figurines fashioned from shrink art, so that any visitors won't be left lonely. Choose to hang yours from a deeply rooted backyard tree, a balcony or a bedroom window and wait with bated breath for your very first visitor.



OUR CROSS-LISTED PROGRAMS!

BECOMING CALL DOWN THE BIRDS



FINDING THE FUN IN POETRY WITH TIFFANY STONE



The dragon debated with the princess which camps were best for **INTERMEDIATE CAMPERS (Ages 8 to 12)**

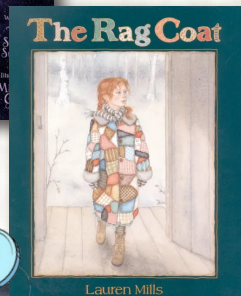
Our Lives are like Quilts: Bits and Pieces Stitched Together with Love

July 7 to 11 (5 mornings) 9:00am to 12:00pm Ages 8 to 12 \$306 + GST

If you're looking to embrace a more meditative mode of expression, come and find sanctuary here! The art of quilting is thought to have begun as early as the 35th century B.C, and while it may not be front and centre today, there is something so incredibly special about fusing the fabric scraps of our lives together into one unified tapestry.

During this week we'll explore quilting classic tales such as *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* by Deborah Hopkinson, *The Quiltmaker's Gift* by Jeff Brumbeau, *The Rag Coat* by Lauren Mills, *The Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco, *The Story Blanket* by Ferida Wolff, *I Sang You Down from the Stars* by Tasha Spillett. These stories will guide our own journey through quilting as we work to create a throw pillow for a bed or couch. First we will appliqué a cut out fabric heart on each of nine 6 inch x 6 inch squares and then create our own quilted pillow covers to stuff full of soft materials.

Students are encouraged to bring material scraps from home to immortalize their memories in their finished product. Having a full week together allows us to step into the slow and steady pace of quilting, being methodical and considered in each stitch.



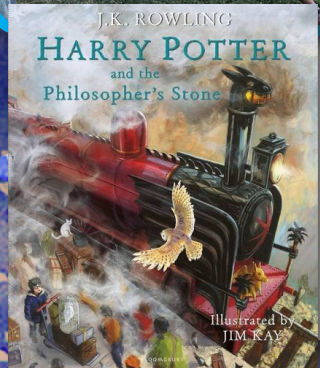
Hogwarts Class of '25 is in Session

July 14 to 18 (5 full days) 9:00am to 4:30pm Ages 8 to 12 \$656 + GST

To celebrate the summer season we are covering the Hogwarts curriculum in its entirety. Across five days of this camp we'll explore everything from herbology to ancient runes, devoting a morning to everyone's favourite...potions. As a cohort, Christianne will lead campers through the compendium of charms and spells that every witch or wizard needs to know. We begin every day with a reading from Rowling's giant tomes followed by a Harry Potter trivia quiz so wizards and witches can start earning knuts to spend on Friday.

Of course we'll host our quarterly Quidditch match at the end of the week (with practices taking place every other afternoon), without forgetting that you'll also need something on which to fly across the pitch. Knuts, sickles and galleons will be awarded for acts of wizarding bravery and muggle compassion – children can invest or spend their purse during the opening of Honeydukes on Friday. We try not to make promises we can't fulfill, but with this one we are absolutely certain. Your child will be returned to you tuckered out and truly spellbound.

We all know that this camp sells itself, but we like to remember that one woman in a small Edinburgh coffee shop created a world that will captivate generations for eternity. Truly remarkable!



The Art of Science

July 21 to 25 (5 afternoons) 1:30pm to 4:30pm Ages 8 to 12 \$311 + GST

Art and science both contain nuances that the human brain sometimes finds difficult to comprehend, making them all the more intriguing. During these five afternoons together, students are invited to explore some of the most pivotal figures in science, brainstorming how to celebrate these discoveries through art.

As a group, we'll choose one of these scientists each day and share snippets from their biography, before diving into a related science/art project. Think straw rockets, handmade pantographs, candle seesaws, astronaut ice cream, slime, brush bots, crystals and so much more!

This camp is all about pushing the limits of what we thought was possible; the only boundaries your child will encounter are the four walls of their imagination. Christianne's incredible selection of stories (many of which can't be found anywhere else), will act as anchors in between endless bouts of creation. We can't guarantee what students will bring home, but we're sure that it will elicit wonder and awe.



Tiny Faces in Unexpected Places

August 5 to 8 (4 afternoons) 1:30pm to 4:30pm Ages 8 to 12 \$246 + GST

You'll often find that once something has been brought to your attention, you'll start to see it everywhere. Try it once you've read this; look out for green cars and before you know it, you'll be counting them out loud.

For this camp we'll be harnessing the power of manifestation and searching for tiny faces in unexpected places. After heading out into the community to see what we can find in nature's spaces, we'll use the work of a local artist as inspiration to create our own pine cone and oyster shell characters. Students will use small face moulds to guide them through crafting individual features from Sculpey clay; the biggest emphasis will of course be placed on bringing out their personalities through colour and accessories. With faces nestled in the crook of a pearlescent oyster or between scales of a pine cone, this is an incredible craft that we know children will be excited about from the moment they step through the door.

We'll round out the week by inviting the artist who inspired the creation of this camp to talk through her process, inspiration and future passion projects via Zoom. Not only will students go home with unique works of art, but pockets full of creative vision.



Tiny
faces by
Pardis Barzali



The Miniature Worlds in Children's Literature

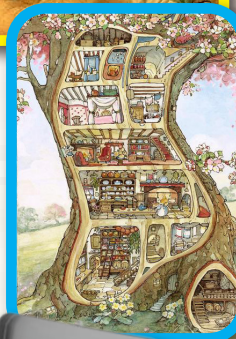
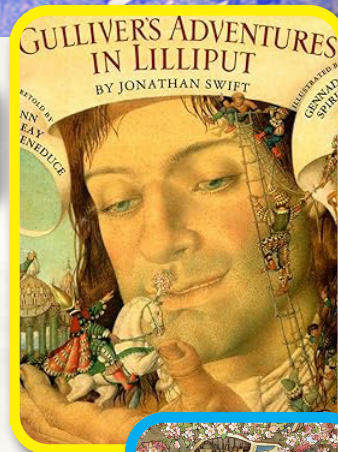
August 11 to 15 (5 full days) 9:00am to 4:30pm Ages 8 to 12 \$661 + GST

There's something inherently fascinating about holding miniature replicas of everyday items in the palm of your hand. The imperceptible detail guides your brain towards a sense of child-like wonderment. In this camp we'll celebrate all things small, but exquisitely formed, exploring miniature worlds through literature. Christianne will begin each day with a synopsis of classic works (think *The Borrowers*, *Gulliver's Travels*, *Brambly Hedge*) to get both the excitement, and the creative juices flowing.

The craft for this particular week will speak so much to your inner child, that we think you'll want to join too. We'll be repurposing no longer loved lunch boxes (whether you have one in mind at home, or would like us to provide) to house new and intriguing miniature worlds.

As a group, we'll ideate and ruminate before raiding the Lyceum, its surrounding area, and local thrift stores for materials to use. Apart from the physical boundaries of your box, there is no limit to what students can create. It might be their favourite room of the house, one they'd like to memorialize in case you move, a scene from a treasured book or movie, or simply what takes their fancy on the day.

We can guarantee that these creations will be keepsakes forever; what we can't guarantee is that you won't find yourselves playing with them long after your children are asleep.



Miniature spaces by Coral Thew

Sleepover with the Fae

August 15 to 16 (1 overnight) 6:00pm to 11:00am Ages 8 to 12 \$164 + GST

This summer solstice sleepover will be a once in a lifetime exposure to Christianne's enviable collection of stories involving our particular clan. Your camper will be immersed in the history of the Lyceum Fae, a clan spanning over 30 years of lore. They will hear how the Fae came to call our garden home, how they followed us through the move, and how their loyalty has been appreciated by countless generations. If you've ever attended a faerie camp at the Lyceum, you'll know we always run out of time discussing the comings and goings of this active group of faeries, giant faeries, sprites, gnomes and gargoyles—take this camp as a chance for your camper to dive deeper (as long as their eyes can stay open).

We'll make miniature offerings to leave in the garden, signaling our renewed commitment to always watch over them and take breaks to pour over authentic letters from the Fae themselves. We'll stay up as late as the group has energy, offering a midnight faerie tea.

Acknowledging that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, Christianne will send the group off with a waffle breakfast, as campers catch up on any possible sightings during the night.



Forest Imprint Watercolours

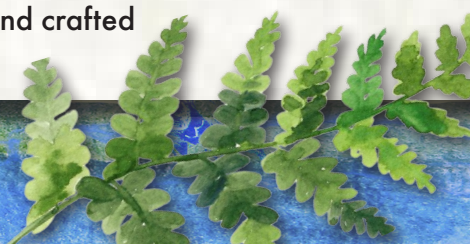
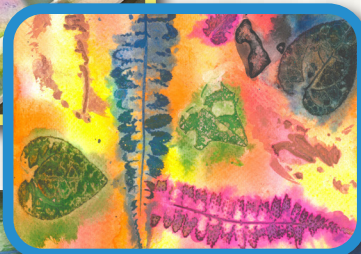
August 18 to 22 (5 mornings) 9:00am to 12:00pm Ages 8 to 12 \$306 + GST

There is something significant about creating art in nature. The physical act of grounding yourself, feeling the grass between your toes and touching terra firma is both soothing and inspiring at the same time.

Building on the success of our nature print mugs created by students for last year's scholarship fundraiser, we wanted to expand the canvas. We'll venture into the great outdoors with art materials in tow to capture the beauty of our surroundings. On arrival at one of nature's urban beauty spots, Christianne will do a watercolour demonstration, showcasing the fluidity of this art medium; students will then be free to start planning their own designs, before collecting materials to incorporate into their work.

We'll highlight the importance of natural diversity, encouraging participants to reflect such multitude in their work. Back at the Lyceum we'll let our work dry, allowing the anticipation to build until we can peel off our nature print materials and reveal a truly unique work of art.

Students will select their favourite piece to frame for a short art show at the end of the week, taking home the rest of their work in a hand crafted artist's portfolio.



Journaling and Drawing Through the Neighbourhood

August 18 to 22 (5 afternoons) 1:30pm to 4:30pm Ages 8 to 12 \$306 + GST



We know that you're not supposed to have favourites, but this is definitely one of ours and we have run it each year since 2007. Journaling is deeply rooted in the Lyceum's philosophy; we begin all of our writers' workshops with this practice, a quiet period of reflection that centres our thoughts and channels our creative attention. Our query? "What does it take to build community?"

We'll spend the week getting to know our neighbours on a deeper level through a series of interviews for which we'll craft curious and investigative questions. With this journalistic format in place, we'll collate our knowledge at the end of each day, printing off responses and matching to the photographs we've taken to commemorate the experience. Once we've made all the new connections we can, we'll work together on the ideal format for an online newspaper chronicle that we'll pass on to the local business association - the sky's the limit when it comes to creatively presenting our findings.

Note: This is not a class exclusively for the seasoned writer; at the Lyceum, there is a wealth of support for all abilities, even if your child is just looking to dip their toe into the literary pool.



And all of the **PRETEEN & TEEN (Ages 10 to 18)** camps lived happily ever after...



Creative Writing Tutoring

July 2 to 4 (3 evenings) 6:00pm to 9:00pm Ages 12+ \$185 + GST

AND/OR

July 21 to 24 (4 evenings) 6:00pm to 9:00pm Ages 12+ \$246 + GST

For writers who need a creative push from a trusted mentor, this class is the perfect way to spend a week (or two). We can meet your youth where they're at and give them a gentle, but firm push to move them along on their writing journey. Whether it's a novel they've already started, a summer school project that need 'next steps' guidance with or just the desire to have a literary sounding board, Christianne will offer her expert opinion, tailoring the week to your child's specific needs. There will of course be Lyceum hot chocolate, popcorn and a treat or two as sustenance for all that brain power!



Dungeons and Dragons

July 7 to 11 (5 afternoons) 1:30pm to 4:30pm Ages 12+ \$306 + GST

Dungeons and Dragons has amassed an extraordinarily loyal following; designed to encourage players to fully immerse themselves in a fantasy world, they "level up" and gain experience by embarking on quests of epic proportions. It is, at its core, truly interactive storytelling, making it the perfect theme for a summer teen camp at the Lyceum.

We will work together, selecting and creating our own characters. Each camper can also use characters from the Lyceum's collection to help them on their quest. Our Dungeon master will help campers to "build out" their characters, share game rules and explain player etiquette before setting out parameters for roleplaying Dungeons and Dragons Lyceum style.

At the end of the week, students will leave with a strong sense of community, limitless imagination and characters, accessories, and terrain that everyone will be envious of at your next D&D game.



Sacha's Camp – Homage to The Lord of the Rings

July 7 to 11 (5 evenings) 6:00pm to 9:00pm Ages 12+ \$316 + GST

When it comes to J.R.R. Tolkien, there really is no comparison! His ability to completely draw readers into another world, a world of his own creation, is truly unparalleled. All this is to say that we can completely understand why our auction winner Sacha chose to build a camp around The Lord of the Rings. Over the past few years, Sacha's passion for Tolkien has been ignited through reading this timeless series and he'll be sharing some of his illustrated collection (complementing our own) with the group.

We'll then move on to Sasha's favourite craft as epic as the journey to Mount Doom. Using The Two Towers as inspiration, students will spend the week designing, creating and completing a mosaic tile serving tray. Christianne will guide the group through sketching out their chosen scene from the book that is compatible with the "language" of ceramic tile. After learning the basics of cutting, students will nip, lay and glue tile across the bottom of the tray, watching their vision quickly come to life. Unsanded grout will hold everything in place as acrylic paint is applied to the edges and outside of the tray. Whether they choose to take

this home for trinkets, tea, or as an artistic showcase, we suspect this will be a "keeper" that your camper will take to their college dorm.



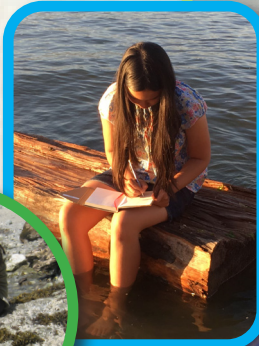
Beach Hop Poetry

July 14 and 17 (4 evenings) 6:00pm to 9:00pm Ages 12+ \$246 + GST

Creative writing comes in many shapes and sizes, but heading into the great outdoors for inspiration is a summer non-negotiable. We'll put pen to paper under the setting sun as we workshop ideas for poems and postcard stories. The break between school years can often feel vast and as we move through the grades (perhaps beginning to think about university or college) it is advantageous to keep our creative juices flowing during the unscheduled summer months. Whether you feel like a writing refresher or want to work more on a passion project, we will give our expert guidance and editing advice to all campers across the week. You can alternate between favourite poetic forms and dipping your toe in the waters of something new, safe in the knowledge that you'll be supported every step of the way.



As a group, we'll write outdoors on some of Vancouver's most picturesque beaches (weather permitting), but our rainy day alternative will be to hole up in the cozy corners of the Lyceum with hot chocolate, popcorn and something sweet to eat.



Harry Potter Sleepover

August 9 - 10 (1 overnight) 6:00pm to 11:00am Ages 10+ \$164 + GST

What could be better than getting together with a group of people who are just as fanatical about Harry Potter as you are?! There is something truly magical about shared experiences like these, and we feel passionately that they're important for creating social bonds.

You can drop your witch or wizard off as the clock strikes 6:00 PM then officially switch into 'do not disturb mode'. We'll make sure there's enough food to feast on (with intermittent treat breaks as the night progresses), and enough materials to build castle nooks that would rival the ones in Hogwarts. Each camper will be invited to make their own broom, complete with flashlight, for an epic game of night Quidditch (participant number dependent - we will practice spells with sparklers if we cannot field two quidditch teams).

We'll be watching the later movies, diving into the deeper meaning behind friendships, trust and the internal battles that often take place between what is easy, and what is right.

In the morning, bleary eyed, but still in possession of their powers, we'll invite campers to tuck into a berry waffle breakfast before handing them back to you.



The Dark Lady of Shakespeare's Sonnets

July 28 to August 1 (5 evenings) 6:00pm to 9:00pm Ages 10+ \$306 + GST

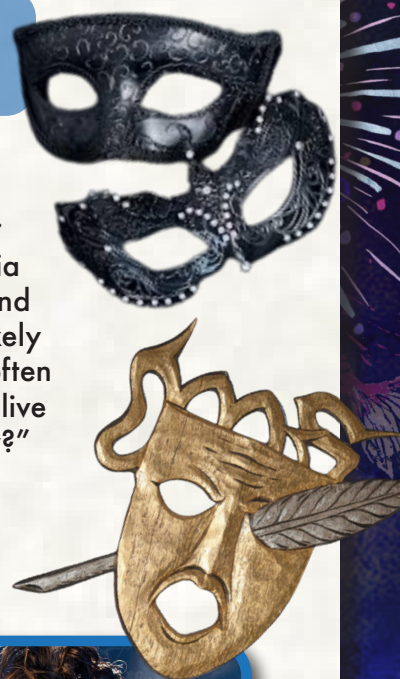


This isn't your typical Shakespearean sonnet...it's groundbreaking and forges a new path for those who are passionate about the formation of a new kind of literature.

Jessica Hill's play *The Dark Lady* brings to light Emilia Bassano, who was believed to be the first female in England to assert herself as a professional poet, and the most likely contender for the unknown female Shakespeare so often alluded to. We'll spend this week keeping the story alive through time, querying "who really was the dark lady?" referred to in sonnets.

Christianne will lead the group through engaging discussions around the mysterious quality of this, as yet, unidentified character. There is something freeing about knowing that there won't ever be concrete confirmation, as our imaginations are left to iterate and explore the endless possibilities.

Taking inspiration from Jessica's work, each student will write their own dark lady profile, incorporating them into a sonnet, or poem of their creation. This camp coincides with the Bard on the Beach performance of *The Dark Lady*, and as we have done in previous years, we will secure tickets for the July 30 production (with a student discount) – families are always welcome to tag along too.



Flat Felting: Fusing Wool Fibres into Images

August 5 to 8 (4 evenings) 6:00pm to 9:00pm Ages 12+ \$251 + GST

Acting as an introduction to one of the Lyceum's most mastered crafts, we'll immerse students in the world of felting landscapes. Christianne will guide the group in selecting reams of locally sourced and naturally dyed wool to form the perfect colour palette for their tableaux.

On the first evening, we will poll the group for podcast or playlist preferences, so we have something to listen to while we craft. At the end of the week we will mount and frame our works so that they can be hung on a bedroom wall or placed on the mantelpiece.

This is a craft best practiced with patience, but don't worry if that's in short supply – we'll take plenty of breaks to cozy up with hot chocolate, and fuel ourselves with delectable treats.



Penny's Camp (Flash Fiction)

August 11 to 14 (4 evenings) 6:00pm to 9:00pm Ages 12+ \$246 + GST

Many are familiar with the Mark Twain quote: "I didn't have time to write a short letter, so I wrote a long one instead." Flash Fiction, the short-form genre, is the embodiment of this paradox. It's a small space where you can tell big stories." (Grant Faulkner, 2023)

The winner of last year's silent auction item, "Plan and design your own summer camp", Penny, had the chance to dream up her own summer camp. Penny loves to write, but seldom gets to appreciate the "ah ha!" of finishing a piece, because she is embroiled in writing one of her epic novels. So, this week, she will breathe four sighs of completion along with the group.

Focusing on flash fiction, Christianne will guide the group through the basics on day one. We'll allow space and time for questions, while listening to examples of short, but impactful stories to get our creative juices flowing. Once we feel confident with being concise, students will spend the remaining evenings writing short pieces that they'll be proud of for years to come.



Tea, Cakes and Fine China

August 18 and 22 (5 evenings) 6:00pm to 9:00pm Ages 12+ \$311 + GST

In many countries the act of taking tea is a sacred ritual. Whether this conjures up images of ancient blends being handpicked by harvesters, or spending a moment or two huddled round the kettle with your favourite colleagues, it signifies the chance to take pause, and feed the soul.

For this week together we will focus on creating our own tea blends, ensuring that we have ingredients to satisfy both experimentalists and purists alike. Not forgetting of course that we'll need something to brew our warm drinks in, each student will have the chance to adorn a small china teapot and two cups using ceramic paints and a design of their choosing.

Being this creative can really cause you to work up an appetite and knowing just how important fueling is, every night we'll make a delectable treat to accompany our tea. Never wanting to miss the opportunity to bear witness to the transfer of knowledge, we'll make sure it's something that can be made with only a toaster oven, microwave or hot plate so that your teen will be the talk of their college dorm.



Essays, But Fun

August 25 to 29 (5 evenings) 6:00pm to 9:00pm Ages 12+ \$306 + GST

There can be few things more daunting than the blank page on your screen, its lonely cursor pulsating to the rhythm of your increasing heartbeat.

At the Lyceum, we're inviting you to 'fear no more' as we offer to take your teen through the art of essay writing. An enduring feature in our summer camp calendar, this offering is one not to be missed. What exactly is a thesis statement and how do you write supporting paragraphs that build interest rather than come across as formulaic? What's all this stuff about citing sources? We'll walk you through it step

by step, providing you with no-fail techniques for tackling any essay that might be thrown your way. Using the strangest topics you'll ever come across, we'll write two essays over the course of this workshop (one as a group and one individually or in pairs), giving you the chance to try out everything you've learned and receive one-on-one feedback from Lyceum staff.



Summer Program Promotions!

For those looking to spend more time at the Lyceum this summer, we have a special promotion for you!

If you register your child for **four half-day camps**, we would like to offer **a fifth camp for 50% off!** For those who would like to attend **eight half-day camps**, we would like to offer a **ninth camp FREE!**

(For the purposes of this offer, full-day camps count as two half-day camps.)

REGISTRATION FOR REGULAR PROGRAMING STARTS MAY 20TH 2025

Writers' Workshops

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VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Share your passion for literature and art at Christianne's Lyceum. Our volunteers do a little bit of everything. They help with set-up and clean up, work one-on-one with children on art projects, provide editing advice in our writers' workshops, make snacks, work in our library, prepare art activities and help out at events. We love signing volunteer record sheets and Duke of Edinburgh books, as well as providing references for employment and university. Interested?



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telling us a little about yourself and when you are available and we'll work with you to try and find the most meaningful volunteer experience. Please include a completed volunteer registration form.



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2025 Summer Program

June

Insects in the City

June 23 to 27 (5 mornings) • 9:00am to 12:00pm • Ages 3 to 5 • \$306 + GST

Greening our Thumbs

June 23 to 27 (5 afternoons) • 1:30pm to 4:30pm • Ages 3 to 5 • \$306 + GST

July

Digging for Dinosaurs

July 2 to 4 (3 mornings) • 9:00am to 12:00pm • Ages 3 to 5 • \$185 + GST

Becorns Call Down the Birds

July 2 to 4 (3 afternoons) • 1:30pm to 4:30pm • Ages 5 to 12 • \$185 + GST

Creative Writing Tutoring

July 2 to 4 (3 evenings) • 6:00pm to 9:00pm • Ages 12+ • \$185 + GST

Our Lives are like Quilts: Stitched Together with Love

July 7 to 11 (5 mornings) • 9:00am to 12:00pm • Ages 8 to 12 • \$306 + GST

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July 14 to 17 (4 evenings) • 6:00pm to 9:00pm • Ages 12+ • \$246 + GST

Hogwarts Class of '25 is in Session

July 14 to 18 (5 full days) • 9:00am to 4:30pm • Ages 8 to 12 • \$656 + GST

Storied Weavings

July 21 to 25 (5 mornings) • 9:00am to 12:00pm • Ages 5 to 9 • \$306 + GST

The Art of Science

July 21 to 25 (5 afternoons) • 1:30pm to 4:30pm • Ages 8 to 12 • \$311 + GST

Creative Writing Tutoring: Round 2

July 21 to 24 (4 evenings) • 6:00pm to 9:00pm • Ages 12+ • \$246 + GST

Celebrating Trina Schart Hyman's Love of Medieval Times

July 28 to August 1 (5 mornings) • 9:00am to 12:00pm • Ages 5 to 12 • \$306 + GST

Upcycling Wood Scraps into Acrylic Works of Art

July 28 to August 1 (5 afternoons) • 1:30pm to 4:30pm • Ages 5 to 9 • \$306 + GST

The Dark Lady of Shakespeare's Sonnets

July 28 to August 1 (5 evenings) • 6:00pm to 9:00pm • Ages 12+ • \$306 + GST



Programs at a Glance

August

Finding the Fun in Poetry with Tiffany Stone

August 5 to 8 (4 mornings) • 9:00am to 12:00pm • Ages 4 to 8 • \$251 + GST

Tiny Faces in Unexpected Places

August 5 to 8 (4 afternoons) • 1:30pm to 4:30pm • Ages 8 to 12 • \$246 + GST

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The Miniature Worlds in Children's Literature

August 11 to 15 (5 full days) • 9:00am to 4:30pm • Ages 8 to 12 • \$661 + GST

Penny's Camp: Flash Fiction

August 11 to 14 (4 evenings) • 6:00pm to 9:00pm • Ages 12+ • \$246 + GST

Sleeping Over with the Fae

August 15 and 16 (1 overnight) • 6:00pm to 11:00am • Ages 8 to 12 • \$164 + GST

Forest Imprint Watercolours

August 18 to 22 (5 mornings) • 9:00am to 12:00pm • Ages 8 to 12 • \$306 + GST

Journaling and Drawing Through the Neighbourhood

August 18 to 22 (5 afternoons) • 1:30pm to 4:30pm • Ages 8 to 12 • \$306 + GST

Tea, Cakes and Fine China

August 18 to 22 (5 evenings) • 6:00pm to 9:00pm • Ages 12+ • \$311 + GST

Five Authorstrators Every Preschoolers Should Know

August 25 to 29 (5 mornings) • 9:00am to 12:00pm • Ages 3 to 5 • \$306 + GST

Community of Hanging Fairy Globes

August 25 to 29 (5 afternoons) • 1:30pm to 4:30pm • Ages 5 to 12 • \$306 + GST

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Preschool (Ages 3 to 5)



Primary (Ages 5 to 9)



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