

# Wanted: Student Writers/Illustrators

## Accessible Book Writing Contest

Do you have an idea for a great storybook?

We want to add it to our Accessible Book Collection!

- Think of a story you want to tell – it can be about anything!
- Make sure it has...
  - a good beginning (*grab the reader's attention*)
  - an interesting middle (*a good plot with interesting events and a problem to solve*)
  - an exciting ending (*tell how the problem was solved*)
- Create a PowerPoint, Clicker, or Classroom Suite book
  - Put in your own pictures (electronic or hand drawn / scanned) or
  - Use “public domain” pictures or clip art
    - [www.pdclipart.org/](http://www.pdclipart.org/)
    - [www.public-domain-photos.com/](http://www.public-domain-photos.com/)
    - [www.public-domain-photos.com/free-cliparts/](http://www.public-domain-photos.com/free-cliparts/)
    - [www.bestphotos.us/](http://www.bestphotos.us/)
    - [www.easystockphotos.com](http://www.easystockphotos.com)
  - Type in your story on each page
- If you want, you can narrate your book by recording your voice for each page.

**Send your Accessible Book to us by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and your book will be reviewed by our panel of judges. You could win one of five .mp3 players or other great prizes!**

 We can't wait to see what you create! 



## Virtual Voices Village

### Spring Activity – Accessible Book

This spring, SET-BC and Virtual Voices Village ([www.vvillage.org](http://www.vvillage.org)) invite BC students to participate in an accessible book writing activity. We will welcome stories in a variety of formats including:

- **Electronic book** – use PowerPoint, Clicker, or Classroom Suite to create an interactive book – students could even narrate the book! – please keep number of slides/grids less than 20 and use only hand drawn or copyright free pictures/photos
- **Instructions for creating accessible books** available on request ([submissions@vvillage.org](mailto:submissions@vvillage.org)).

\*\*\*All students who submit an accessible book will be entered into the contest with their book being reviewed by a panel of judges. Five .mp3 players will be awarded and all students will be entered into a draw for other prizes. Judges will also select stories to be included in the SET-BC Accessible Book collection (Free Books for You).

**Deadline** for Accessible Book submissions is **4:00 p.m. (Pacific) Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. Book judging will take place the following week.

#### Submission Instructions...

1. Each submission must be accompanied by an information form and a signed form granting SET-BC permission to post the student's work and/or audio/video on the website. You will find this form attached – please include it with the story itself or FAX it to us if submitting electronically.
2. If you are submitting stories **physically** – on CD - please send to: SET-BC, 105-1750 West 75<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, BC V6P 6G2 (attention: Virtual Voices Village).
3. Stories can also be submitted electronically – if they are less than 4 MB in size, they can be emailed to: [submissions@vvillage.org](mailto:submissions@vvillage.org). Remember to attach or FAX the permission form! If the story is larger than 4 MB, please upload your files to <http://sendspace.com> making the recipient "submissions@vvillage.org".
4. If you have any questions at all about submitting your student's work, don't hesitate to contact us at [submissions@vvillage.org](mailto:submissions@vvillage.org). We will be happy to help you!

Finally, please ensure that any work submitted...

- is original student work that does not contain copyrighted material or material or images that would violate any third party rights
- does not contain any photographs or images of other students unless the appropriate permission forms are also signed by their parents



# Student Work / Photo / Audio / Video Permission Form

Dear parent/guardian,

Special Education Technology – British Columbia (SET-BC) sponsors a student-focused website called Virtual Voices Village ([www.vvillage.org](http://www.vvillage.org)). This site is dedicated to showcasing BC student news, events, and work and offers regular opportunities for students to submit their work, photos, and multimedia projects. We request permission to profile your child or your child's work on the Virtual Voices Village website and/or the main SET-BC website ([www.setbc.org](http://www.setbc.org)). All materials will be used in positive ways to promote awareness of the potential for students using technology in the schools and in the community.

## Consent for Publication of Written/Visual Art, Photo and Multimedia

I grant permission for my child's work / photo / audio or video recording to be published on the Virtual Voices Village ([vvillage.org](http://vvillage.org)) and / or the SET-BC website ([setbc.org](http://setbc.org)).

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please return completed form to

SET-BC, #105-1750 West 75<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, BC V6P 6G2  
or FAX 604-261-2256

If you have any questions about this permission form, please call 604-261-9450 ext 0.

SET-BC is a Ministry of Education Provincial Resource Program designed to assist BC schools in educating students whose access to curriculum is restricted primarily due to physical disabilities, visual impairments, intellectual disabilities and autism.

For more information on our program, please visit [www.setbc.org](http://www.setbc.org).



## Student Information Form

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

School / School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact for Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Project / File format (e.g. Powerpoint .ppt, video .avi, document .doc, etc.)

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Additional information to be included on [www.vvillage.org](http://www.vvillage.org) web page:

(e.g. How did the student create the project? Were others involved?  
What technologies were used? Was it presented to the class?)

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