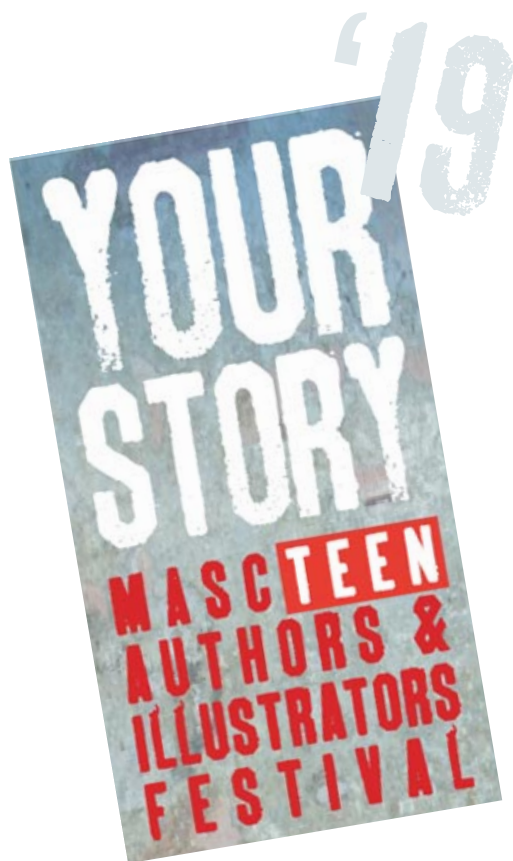


When asked what the best 'Take-Aways' from the day were, students said:



"The MASC conferences have truly been inspirational to me and have brought me great happiness and improved confidence over the past four years. This is my graduating year so I will not be able to come to any more conferences."

"Our son was very animated while detailing his day to us...everything from his interactions with the amazing and cordial artists, to the engaging workshop that he had with Tim Wynne-Jones. He loved how hands-on and practical the day was and it served to further ignite his passion for writing."

"Reciting my poetry and realizing that a word(s) can have power."

"...During Jamaal's presentation, I got a whole new perspective on poetry and I'm starting to appreciate it."

"I love Lesley Livingston's positive attitude and humour. She taught us so much about fantasy writing. She shared fun stories about her writing and publishing books. It made me so much more excited to write and not to give up on my writing. I am so grateful for this workshop. I also loved the readings and performances."

"When I first started, I was nervous because I can't draw very well. As we went along, I started to understand how drawing, even if it's not good can be a great way to organize your ideas. I think I will try Mary-Louise Gay's way more often."

"Writing a poem with words provided by Jamaal, then presenting them without getting the chance to edit it. It really pushed everyone out of their comfort zone, but it was a safe environment."