



NANAIMO MUSEUM

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Volunteer opportunity for Christmas school programs at Nanaimo Museum

Nanaimo Museum is currently recruiting volunteer docents (program guides) for the upcoming December 2018 Elementary School Program season. Volunteers will lead a portion of the 90 minute Christmas school program, including taking children to the Miner's Cottage, distributing a snack, leading storytime, and helping with a hands-on craft. Yesteryear Christmas is a school program targeted to children grades K-2, and teaches children about the holiday traditions celebrated by Nanaimoites about 100 years ago. Interested applicants should enjoy working with students and public speaking.

"Participating in making crafts, reading aloud and sharing Christmas traditions with the children creates the spirit of Christmas within me.," says volunteer Debbie Sunnus. "I enjoy being surrounded with the students' enthusiasm for the activities at the Museum."

As the museum's most popular elementary school program, Yesteryear Christmas draws approximately 700 students from Kindergarten to Grade 2 each December, from all over the mid-Island region.

"Yesteryear Christmas weaves history in with traditions and celebrations that most students are already familiar with," says Steph Kveton, Program Coordinator at the museum. "There's a lot of comparisons – how did people decorate their houses, what crafts did they make, did they tell the same stories as people today. All of this contrasts with their own experiences and helps the students connect with history more strongly."

All program volunteers will receive full training on the program content and museum requirements. They also receive a complimentary 1 year Museum membership, Giftshop discount, and many other perks through the year. Volunteers are asked to make a commitment of 4 hours per week minimum from December 4th to 20th, Monday through Friday, two programs per week.

New and returning volunteers are asked to submit an application form to Nanaimo Museum no later than November 1st. Application forms are available on our website or at the front desk.

For more information please visit www.nanaimomuseum.ca, call 250 753-1821 or email program@nanaimomuseum.ca. The Nanaimo Museum is located at 100 Museum Way, downtown Nanaimo in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, next to Serious Coffee.

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