

JILL MURRAY

YA Author & Speaker

Now booking classroom visits
for the 2010/11 school year

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Hi, I'm **Jill Murray**, the author of ***Break On Through*** and ***Rhythm and Blues***: multi-cultural urban fiction for and about Canadian young adults, published by Doubleday Canada.

My books have been featured at Harbourfront Centre's **ALoud: A Celebration of Young Readers**, and on **YTV's The Zone**. *Break On Through* is a **Canadian Children's Book Centre Best Book for 2009**, a "Ms. Julie Recommends" selection of the **Quebec Writers Federation** and a curriculum book for **Canadian Literature & Identity** at **Vanier College**. As a speaker, I've given workshops & presentations at schools & libraries in Quebec, Ontario and the Maritimes.

"Jill was a dynamic and engaging speaker whose presentation integrated various forms of media and kept the students entertained."

— **Erin MacLeod**, Professor, Vanier College, Montreal

"Our students learned a great deal about how an author plans and writes a book, but more importantly, they learned how rewarding and fun it is to express yourself through writing and to share your work with a reading audience."

— **Kelley McLeod**, Principal, Clayton Park Junior High, Halifax

Presentations

I give an introduction to how I became a writer, & the challenges I encountered along the way. Using humorous visual aids, I describe my writing process-- with an emphasis on revising. A reading is included, and lots of time to answer student questions.

I can also tailor presentations to support your curriculum, or particular themes, such as the cultural history of hip hop (*Break On Through*) or diversity, inclusiveness and identity. (*Rhythm & Blues*)

For classrooms or groups of up to 150 students.

Workshops

Creative writing workshops are available on voice, setting, structure, and revision.

Suitable for groups of up to 30 students.

Cost

Standard author rates: \$250 for a 1 hour session, \$400 per half day, or \$700 for a full day, plus transportation costs & Tax.

Financial Assistance

I am a member of the following programs, that may be able to provide financial assistance for your bookings:

In Quebec

- **Quebec Writers in Schools**
<http://www.mcccf.gouv.qc.ca/index.php?id=3373>
- **Quebec Writers in CEGEPS**
http://www.qwf.org/programs/cegep_info.html

In Ontario

- **Ontario Writers In Schools**
http://www.writersunion.ca/rd_writersintheschools.asp

Share an author!

Can you pair up with another school or library in your area to share transportation costs, and make author visits more affordable? [Let me know](#) if you'd like me to forward this info to another teacher or librarian in your area.

Virtual SKYPE visits are also available, year-round. Please [e-mail](#) for details.