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Children's Literacy Foundation to Award Nine Schools \$25,000 Each in Literacy Programs, Support, and New Books

WATERBURY CENTER, Vt: The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) will award Year of the Book grants to nine New Hampshire and Vermont elementary schools for the 2016-2017 school year. The grant provides \$25,000 in literacy programs, events, support, professional development, and new books to each school over the course of one school year.

Four New Hampshire and five Vermont elementary schools will receive the grant. In New Hampshire, these are Belmont Elementary School, Maple Avenue Elementary School in Claremont, Bethlehem Elementary School, and Russell Elementary School in Rumney.

Vermont schools receiving the grant are Marlboro School, Bennington Elementary School, Waits River Valley School in East Corinth, Richford Elementary School, and Williamstown Elementary School.

The CLiF Year of the Book sponsorship supplements literacy curricula at schools with high percentages of students scoring below state standards on reading and writing tests and high percentages of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

The grant aims to build a culture of literacy in these communities by working with schools, families, town libraries, and even local businesses to inspire a love of reading and writing amongst children. The grant provides new books for town, school, and classroom libraries; multiple literacy presentations and workshops by professional authors, storytellers, and illustrators; field trips, mini-grants for teachers' classroom projects; parent literacy seminars; professional development opportunities for teachers; and up to 10 new books for students to choose and keep over the course of the school year.

“We look forward to working with nine new schools who, in their applications, demonstrated great need and enthusiasm for CLiF's support. Because these schools are diverse in size, need, and location, we are able to improve our understanding of how to best to support communities in making reading and writing fun for students of all ages, parents, and community partners,” says CLiF program director, Meredith Scott.

About the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF)

CLiF is a nonprofit organization founded in 1998. Its mission is to nurture a love of reading and writing among low-income, at-risk, and rural children in New Hampshire and Vermont. For over 18 years CLiF has supported and inspired more than 180,000 young readers and writers through five literacy program grants and has given away more than \$4 million in new, high-quality children's books.

CLiF does not receive any federal or state funds for its programs. It relies solely on the generosity of individuals, local companies, social organizations and foundations.

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