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The Children's Literacy Foundation Awards Twelve Rural Libraries Grants to Public Libraries in New Hampshire and Vermont

Waterbury Center, VT: The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) awards its Rural Libraries grant program to twelve public libraries in New Hampshire and Vermont in towns of populations of 5,000 or less. The Rural Libraries grant provides \$2,000 in new children's books selected by the librarian for the public library and \$500 in new books for the local elementary school library. It also brings storytelling sessions with CLiF's professional presenters to the library, local school, and childcare centers, and allows each child in attendance to select two new books to keep. The grant program also offers funding for literacy-related initiatives to encourage children and families to come to the library.

CLiF's Rural Libraries grant program recipients for the 2018-2019 schoolyear are:

- Albany Public Library, Albany, VT
- Rockingham Free Public Library, Bellows Falls, VT
- Mary L. Blood Memorial Library, Brownsville, VT
- George Gamble Library, Danbury, NH
- Jaffrey Public Library, Jaffrey, NH
- Miner Memorial Library, Lempster, NH
- Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow, VT
- Frost Free Library, Marlborough, NH
- John G. McCullough Free Library, North Bennington, VT
- Sutton Free Library, North Sutton, NH
- Salisbury Free Library, Salisbury, NH
- Woodbury Community Library, Woodbury, VT

CLiF Program Director Meredith Scott says, "These twelve libraries are determined to improve their communities by building stronger relationships with kids and families through a partnership with the school. With CLiF's support, the libraries can substantially add to their collections and increase the traffic to the library."

About the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF)

CLiF is a non-profit organization whose mission is to nurture a love of reading and writing among low-income, at-risk, and rural children up to age 12 throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. Since 1998, CLiF has supported and inspired nearly 225,000 young readers and writers through six literacy program grants and has given away almost \$6 million in new, high-quality children's books. For more information about CLiF, visit www.clifonline.org.

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