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The Children's Literacy Foundation Awards Twelve Rural Libraries Grants

Waterbury Center, VT: The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) has awarded its Rural Libraries grant to twelve public libraries in New Hampshire and Vermont. The grant provides two storytelling events for families, two new books for each child in attendance to choose, \$2,000 in new children's books for the library, \$500 in new books for the local elementary school, and funding for mini-grants for special library programming. The grant's goals are to update and supplement library's collections, increase circulation and library use, strengthen the library's connection with local schools and the community, and inspire a love of reading and writing among low-income, at-risk, and rural kids in New Hampshire and Vermont.

"Often the library needs to improve their children's collection to better connect with their community," says CLiF Program Director Meredith Scott. "New books and bringing storytelling events to the elementary school and preschool helps the library to strengthen those relationships."

The libraries awarded the grant for the 2019-2020 school year are:

- Shedd-Porter Memorial Library in Alstead, NH
- Winhall Memorial Library in Bondville, VT
- Campton Public Library in Campton, NH
- Chichester Town Library in Chichester, NH
- Warren Public Library in East Warren, VT
- Abbie Greenleaf Library in Franconia, NH
- Lincoln Public Library in Lincoln, NH
- Moore Free Library in Newfane, VT
- Hall Memorial Library in Northfield, NH
- Pawlet Public Library in Pawlet, VT
- George Peabody Library in Post Mills, VT
- Stamford Community Library in Stamford, VT

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 250,000 young readers and writers through its literacy program grants and has given away nearly \$7 million in new, high-quality children's books. For more information about CLiF, visit www.clifonline.org.

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