

YEAR OF THE BOOK GRANT COMPONENTS

The Year of the Book provides your school community with a wide range of resources. CLiF staff will work with your coordinator, advisory group, and teachers as needed to ensure your school receives many diverse programs throughout the school year.

1. Standard Programming

- **Kick-Off Event:** This is a celebration at the beginning of the school year to introduce the CLiF Year of the Book. The event will include a storytelling presentation and book giveaway for students and any community invitees (i.e. homeschoolers). Books distributed at this event count toward the 2,500 book total.
- **Library Event:** At this event, CLiF will present \$1,000 worth of books for the school library and \$1,000 worth of books for the public library. School and public librarians may choose books from CLiF's list of almost 1,000 great books. Schools without libraries may use these funds towards building classroom libraries.
- **Finale Event:** This is a schoolwide event to conclude the CLiF Year of the Book. The event includes a storytelling presentation and book giveaway for students and any community invitees (i.e. homeschoolers). Books distributed at this event count toward the 2,500-book total.

2. Menu of Programs*

Choose the three remaining events from this menu:

- **Writing Workshop:** A three-day writing workshop for up to 85 students led by a professional author or poet from CLiF's presenter list.
- **Author/Illustrator Visit:** An hour-long presentation for all students by a professional author or poet from CLiF's presenter list.
- **School Dollars:** Up to \$2,000 to design and implement any schoolwide literacy program(s).
- **Story Keepers with Author Natalie Kinsey-Warnock:** A multiple-visit humanities curriculum based on the Common Core Standards run by professional author Natalie Kinsey-Warnock. Story Keepers integrates reading, writing, social studies, and technology using the latest research-based best practices. Activities include a combination of large group, small group, and individual study. This curriculum offers opportunities for student choice and differentiation. Note: CLiF covers \$3,000 of the \$5,000 total cost for a full 10-visit Story Keepers curriculum. CLiF covers the full cost of a 5-visit curriculum.
- **Family Literacy Celebration:** A 30-minute seminar for parents on the importance of reading with children and read-aloud strategies for parents who are not strong readers. Parents may choose two books for each of their children after the seminar; CLiF pays for dinner!

*Each program may only be chosen only once within a CLiF Year of the Book grant period.

3. Classroom Resources

- **Mini-grants for Teachers:** Schools may receive up to \$2,000 to fund mini-grants for teachers' literacy-related projects. To apply, teachers will complete a simple online grant application and submit a detailed budget. Schools may receive up to five grants. Teachers may apply singly for \$400 per teacher or collaborate for \$800 per joint project. CLiF will reimburse directly for the cost of your program.

- **Books for Classrooms:** CLiF provides up to \$3,500 worth of books for classrooms. Teachers select books from CLiF's book list.

4. Books for Students

- Every child participating in Year of the Book programming receives 10 brand-new, high-quality children's books to take home and keep. CLiF provides books from a broad range of titles and genres.

5. Resources Provided by CLiF to Year of the Book Schools

CLiF provides Year of the Book schools with resources before, throughout, and upon completion of their grants. Resources include:

- Literacy program ideas that can be adapted and implemented with little or no cost
- A regular e-newsletter with lists of grants available to schools, literacy program ideas, and topical information
- Networks of past and present CLiF Year of the Book coordinators
- A communications kit including press and social media best practices
- Invitations in perpetuity to the annual CLiF Community Literacy Conference
- Access to future CLiF grants through community partners, including Summer Readers and Rural Libraries (see www.clifonline.org for details about all CLiF grants)

About the Children's Literacy Foundation

The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) is a nonprofit based in Waterbury Center, VT. Our mission is to inspire a love of reading and writing in low-income, at-risk, and rural children across Vermont and New Hampshire. Since 1998 CLiF has inspired nearly 250,000 children in rural areas as well as those growing up at high-risk of having low literacy skills. Visit www.clifonline.org to learn more about our work.