



CHILDREN'S
LITERACY
FOUNDATION



Overview

CLiF is a non-profit organization based in Waterbury Center, Vermont that provides new books and engaging literacy resources to young readers and writers across Vermont and New Hampshire. We partner with schools, libraries, community centers, childcare providers, parent-child centers, affordable housing sites, summer camps, correctional facilities, and more. All CLiF programs are free, with a focus on serving under-resourced children and communities. We strive to create inspiring literacy experiences that build lifelong positive associations with reading and writing.

FY2025 Impact



16,849
Children Served



50,982
Books Distributed



190
Program Sites



50+
Presenters

Founded

1998 by Duncan McDougall

Executive Director

Laura Rice

Service Area

Vermont + New Hampshire

Headquarters

Waterbury Center, Vermont

Funding

100% community-supported;
no state or federal funding

Grant Programs

Year of the Book

Provides up to \$25,000 in books and literacy support to public elementary schools in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Children of Incarcerated Adults

Provides incarcerated parents with new books to share with their children and strengthen family bonds.

Spark

Provides a \$500 grant to spark interest in literacy activities for youth and families.

Community Literacy

Partners with organizations serving high-risk children to increase access to books and reading spaces.

Rural Library

Provides an \$8,500 grant to small-town public libraries in New Hampshire and Vermont to strengthen collections and community connections.

Summer Readers

Supports youth programs with books and literacy activities to prevent summer learning loss.

Literacy Enrichment

Provides a \$1,000 grant for hands-on learning experiences that bring literacy to life.

Early Childhood Literacy

Partners with early learning organizations to support early literacy skills and family engagement.