



## The Children's Literacy Foundation Gives \$25,000 Grant to Ten Elementary Schools

*Waterbury Center, VT:* The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) has awarded its \$25,000 Year of the Book grant to five elementary schools in Vermont and five schools in New Hampshire for the 2020-2021 school year. The Year of the Book grant provides many author/illustrator visits (some visits may be virtual as we navigate what the next school year will look like), special programs related to literacy, and lots of new children's books for the school, public library, and ten new books for each child to choose. Regardless of what precautions may be in place in the coming school year, CLiF is committed to ensuring children at all of our partnering schools receive exciting literacy programming and lots of new books!

CLiF Program Director Meredith Scott says, *"CLiF believes the Year of the Book grant can support teachers and students in pursuing their literacy related goals, especially as we navigate a new learning environment. The grant allows teachers, librarians, and staff creative options for making reading and writing fun, even if it is distanced."*

The grant is designed to supplement schools' existing literacy efforts, increase enthusiasm for reading and writing, increase family engagement, and create a community-wide culture of literacy. Selected schools demonstrated high need and creative ideas for improving and integrating literacy into their curricula.

Schools chosen for the 2020-2021 school year are:

- Belmont Middle School, Belmont, NH
- J.J. Flynn Elementary School, Burlington, VT
- Chelsea Public School, Chelsea, VT
- Conway Elementary School, Conway, NH
- Currier Memorial School, Danby, VT
- Smyth Road Elementary School, Manchester, NH
- Milton Elementary School, Milton, NH
- Clarendon Elementary School, N. Clarendon, VT
- Seabrook Elementary School, Seabrook, NH
- Windsor School, Windsor, VT

We look forward to working with these schools to offer creative ways to engage kids in literacy!