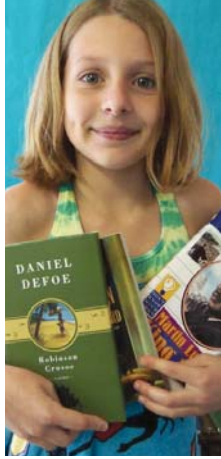
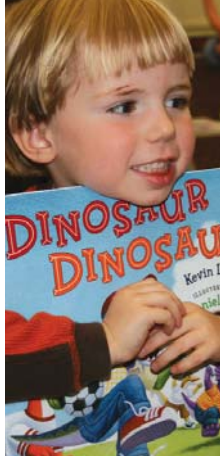




Vermont author Natalie Kinsey-Warnock makes books come alive for kids in Newbury,VT (pop. 1,955)



Happy faces after a CLiF presentation to children at a low-income housing development



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Nurturing a love of reading and writing among children throughout New Hampshire and Vermont

"Working with a skeleton staff, energetic board members, and scores of skilled presenters, CLiF does a lot with a little." —Vermont Magazine



Inspiring young readers and writers at a CLiF Summer Readers event



*"Opening Books,
Opening Minds,
Opening Doors."*

What is CLiF?

The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1998. We are dedicated to nurturing a love of reading and writing among rural and at-risk children throughout New Hampshire and Vermont.

Who does CLiF serve?

Our programs serve two groups:

- 1) Children in rural communities where resources are limited
- 2) Children who are at high risk of growing up with low literacy skills

CLiF now operates 16 literacy programs that touch the lives of almost 15,000 children each year. CLiF has provided its services to more than 80,000 children in almost 350 communities across New Hampshire and Vermont.

Why is CLiF's work needed?

- Nationally, one in five children will grow up functionally illiterate.
- In New Hampshire and Vermont, almost half of all low-income students in Grade 5 score below state standards in reading, and more than half score below state standards in writing.

CLiF touches children's lives!

"CLiF's Writer-in-Residence (Ted Scheu) was clearly a master teacher. He was dynamic, engaging, and fun. I have students now who beg for more writing time. I've been a participant in previous CLiF projects and every one has inspired my students in either reading, writing, or both. Thanks AGAIN for another high-quality program!" Teacher, Rochester,VT (pop. 1,171)

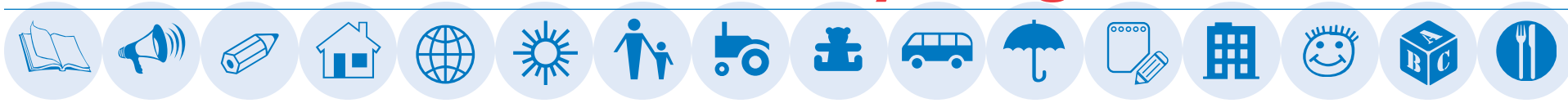
"(CLiF's Director) Duncan was wonderful—such a great communicator! I've never seen anything done so well. All the children were interested, and they all came into the library looking for books afterward. The people of the town are just so grateful. The CLiF books have added such a freshness to the library. Words cannot express my gratitude for what CLiF has done for us!" Librarian, Warren, NH (pop. 900)

"Since (CLiF Author) David Budbill's visit, there has been an explosion of interest in writing at our school. Students are writing at home, writing for fun. We've even started an after-school writers' and illustrators' club!" Principal, Roxbury,VT (pop. 576)



Duncan McDougall sharing his love of books with children of prison inmates

CLiF's 16 Literacy Programs



Rural Public Libraries

Provide collections of new, hardcover children's books to rural public libraries, and give inspiring literacy presentations to children in those towns.

Author/Illustrator Visits

Arrange for local children's book authors and illustrators to give free presentations to children in rural elementary schools.

Writer-In-Residence

Send local authors and poets to give three days of hands-on, inspiring writing workshops to children in schools.

Shelters

Set up a new library on site, let children select new books to keep, and provide fun storytelling presentations to children and their families.

Refugee Children

Provide new children's books in English and other languages to refugee children, offer inspiring storytelling, and set up local libraries for refugee children and families.

Summer Readers

Meet with groups of low-income children over the summer, perform storytelling for them, and let them select new children's books to keep.



Writer-in-Residence Geof Hewitt collaborating with students in Stratford, NH (pop. 899)



Refugee children clutching their new books after a CLiF storytelling presentation

Children of Prison Inmates

Set up new libraries in prison family visiting rooms, let children select new books to keep, perform storytelling for children of inmates and their families, and help inmates read books to their children.

Migrant Children

Set up an on-site children's library, have book-talks, tell stories, and let children select new books to keep at Camp Exclamation Point, a one-week camp for children of migrant families.

Families with Newborns

Work with home-visit organizations to train their staff and volunteers to distribute new children's books and reading tips to low-income parents with newborns.

Bookmobiles

Deliver collections of new, hardcover children's books to bookmobiles and offer inspiring presentations to the children they serve.

Rainy Day Sponsorships

Provide a range of literacy support to children in communities experiencing financial and social upheaval due to the closing of major local employers.

CLiF Conferences

Organize annual conferences to provide support to rural library and bookmobile staff and others who provide literacy services to children across the Twin States.

Low-Income Housing

Set up a new library on site, let children select new books to keep, and provide fun storytelling presentations to children and their families.

Head Start

Provide seminars to encourage and help parents read with their children, set up a new library on site, let children select new books to keep, and provide fun storytelling presentations to children and their families.

Childcare

Donate a collection of new books to childcare centers, let children select new books to keep, and provide fun storytelling presentations for children and staff.

Food Shelves

Provide seminars to encourage and help parents read with their children, let children select new books to keep, and provide fun storytelling presentations to children and their families.



Every child in Cabot, VT (pop. 1,213) attended the CLiF Rural Library Sponsorship



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