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Children's Author Natalie Kinsey Visits Laraway

"I write stories about my life, about growing up on a farm," said author Natalie Kinsey on a recent visit to Laraway School. Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Year of the Book grant supported Kinsey's visit along with a very generous book giveaway of brand-new children's books.

Kinsey, author of a slew of books for children, enchanted her audience with stories from her childhood that translated into her books which include *On a Starry Night* and *The Bear that Heard Crying*. Students raised hands eagerly to ask questions and comment on her funny and highly engaging presentation.

CLiF Year of the Book grant has supported Laraway throughout the current school year by providing numerous author presentations, and new books in an effort to inspire students with a love of reading and writing.

Laraway Youth & Family Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to identifying and building on the strengths of children and youth with emotional, behavioral and mental health challenges, through therapeutic education, specialized foster care and public school based behavioral intervention supports. For more information, visit Laraway.org or email Kstamper@Laraway.org.

CLiF is an independent non-profit organization founded in 1998. Its mission is to nurture a love of reading and writing among low-income, at-risk, and rural children in New Hampshire and Vermont. Over 18 years, CLiF has inspired 180,000 young readers and writers through literacy program grants and has given away more than \$4 million in new, high-quality children's books. For more information, visit clifonline.org or email clif@clifonline.org.

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