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Children's Author David Martin Visits Laraway

Vermont author David Martin recently visited Laraway Youth & Family Services (Laraway) to read some of his books aloud to students. His visit was supported by a Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Summer Readers Grant. Martin's lively presentation was followed by a generous book giveaway of brand-new children's books.

Martin, author of a slew of books for children, including *Shh! Bear Sleeping*, enchanted his audience with his dramatic reading style and a little bit of juggling.

"CLiF's presentation was awesome," said Adria Dube, Operations Manager for Laraway's Backpack Program.

CLiF's Summer Readers Grant helps keep kids reading during the summer. As part of the grant, each child present chose two books which they read and keep. Laraway is delighted to work with CLiF to foster a love of reading.

Laraway 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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