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## **Masterful Storyteller Simon Brooks Visits Laraway with Children's Literacy Foundation**

Master storyteller Simon Brooks visited Laraway Youth & Family Services (Laraway) to tell tantalizing tales and get kids excited about reading. His visit was supported by a Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) Summer Readers Grant. Brooks' lively presentation was followed by a generous book giveaway of brand-new children's books.

"If you like dark and scary and weird and twisted, then Roald Dahl is for you," Brooks suggested while holding up one of the British author's books, amid a bountiful display of titles, totally free for the taking.

Laraway's children and youth were captivated by Brooks' stories which were accentuated by highly effective sound effects and dramatic gestures. His stories were followed by each attendee choosing two, brand-new books to keep. Random and spontaneous reading sprouted all around the agency's conference room.

CLiF's Summer Readers Grant helps keep kids reading during the summer. Laraway is delighted to work with CLiF for yet another summer 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](http://Laraway.org) or email [Kstamper@Laraway.org](mailto: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](http://clifonline.org) or email [clif@clifonline.org](mailto:clif@clifonline.org).

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