

Vermont's Literacy Resources

– Early Literacy Workshops and more –



Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF)

clifonline.org
(802) 244-0944

The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to nurturing a love of reading and writing among children throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. In particular, CLiF targets children in rural communities and children who are at high risk of growing up with low literacy skills. CLiF's 12 programs have served tens of thousands of children in more than 260 communities across the two states. CLiF provides new books, writing workshops, author visits, storytelling and other forms of support to many groups including children in rural towns, migrant children, refugee children, children in shelters and low-income housing, and children of prison inmates.



Everybody Wins! Vermont (EW!)

everybodywinsvermont.org
(802) 229-BOOK (2665)

Everybody Wins! Vermont (EW!) is a children's literacy and mentoring organization dedicated to encouraging positive attitudes about reading in elementary school children. Reading Mentor volunteers are paired with students at local elementary schools to promote reading for pleasure, build self-confidence and enhance self-esteem in the children, and to serve as caring adult role models. EW! VT provides books, training materials, orientations, parent workshops and student activities. EW! VT also organizes periodic continuing education workshops for parents/guardians and mentors in order to support their efforts helping children learn to love to read.



Mother Goose Programs

mothergooseprograms.org
(802) 875-2751

Mother Goose Programs are learning opportunities from the Vermont Center for the Book. Mother Goose Programs enhance the development, self-esteem, school readiness and success of young children by building the skills and confidence of parents, librarians and early childhood educators. Mother Goose Programs provide adults with picture books, activity guides, materials, training and online resources to transform reading with preschool children into multidimensional and powerful learning experiences.



The Northern Lights Career Development Center

Northernlightscdc.org

(802) 241-4661

The Northern Lights Career Development works with the Child Development Division and the Bright Futures Information System (brightfuturesinfo.org) to help early educators find out when and where workshops are being held and how to keep track of workshops taken. Vermont Northern Lights Career Development Center can also help early childhood professionals and budding professionals find the best career pathways.



The Stern Center for Language and Learning

sterncenter.org

(802) 878-2332

The Stern Center evaluates and instructs children and adults in all areas of learning, including reading, writing, spelling, math, oral language and study skills. Individuals come to the Stern center with learning differences that range from mild learning-style problems to complex learning disabilities. The Stern Center also designs professional development programs for educators, sharing the latest in educational research through courses offered throughout the year that demonstrate how this research can be applied to evaluate and instruct learners of all ages.



**VERMONT
Humanities
COUNCIL**

The Vermont Humanities Council

vermonthumanities.org

(802) 262-2626

The Vermont Humanities Council offers free, lively, interactive workshops that promote a lifelong love of reading—Never Too Early professional development for early care and education providers, and Read With Me programs for parents of young children. Participants discover ways to make books come alive that encourage language development and communication, and receive books to take home. Other humanities-based literacy programs reach middle school students, incarcerated adults and adult literacy students.

An annual statewide one-book community reading program involves readers of many ages and backgrounds. VHC programs also include book discussions, speaker events, conferences and a grants program that supports humanities projects of other nonprofit organizations.



Vermont Public Television

vpt.org

(800) 639-3351

In order to enhance the learning readiness of preschool and early elementary school children, Vermont Public Television (VPT) provides non-violent, commercial-free, educational children's programming to Vermont households. In conjunction with this programming, VPT's Ready to Learn program offers workshops for parents and early educators to help prepare children for school. Their goal is to support literacy development and children's readiness to learn.



VSA Arts of Vermont

Vsart.org
(802) 655-7735

VSA Arts of Vermont presents a statewide preschool artist residency program, Start With The Arts, promoting literacy and artistic expression for preschool children as well as training for child care providers. SWTA is unique among literacy programs in combining 12-weeks of activities for children emphasizing inclusion of students with disabilities, with experiential on-site training for home child care providers. Start With The Arts instructors also offer 6 hours of training outside child care hours for providers, with skill building for Vermont Core Competencies.

– Adult Literacy –



Learning Works — Adult Education and Literacy Services

Learning Works is a network of regional centers for adult education and literacy services for adults (out of school and age 16 and over) who need basic academic skills – reading, writing, math, and computing. Adult learners may be working to obtain a high school credential, and to increase their chances of employment or improve their work situation. Vermont Adult Learning operates thirteen centers and subcontracts with the Bennington Tutorial Center, Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, and Northeast Kingdom Learning Services to provide literacy services statewide.

Central Offices
Vermont Adult Learning
60 South Main Street
Waterbury, Vermont 05676
802.244.0634 or toll free: 800.322.4004
www.vtadullearning.org

The Tutorial Center
208 Pleasant Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201
802.447.0111

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education
46 Washington Street, Suite 100
Barre, Vermont
(802) 476-4588
cvabe.org

Northeast Kingdom Learning Services
35 Jr. High Drive
Derby, Vermont 05829
802.766.4757
www.nekls.com

– Finding Resources –



Building Bright Futures Regional Councils

buildingbrightfutures.org

Building Bright Futures is a public-private partnership to coordinate and oversee Vermont's early childhood care, health and education system. A governor-appointed Building Bright Futures statewide Council oversees coordination of this initiative. Each region of the state has a Building Bright Futures Regional Council. This Council is a community hub of information and a place to address issues relating to young children and their families in the region. For a current list of Building Bright Futures Regional Directors, visit the website.



Public Library

dol.state.vt.us

Your local public library has a wealth of free early literacy resources and services. For a directory of libraries statewide, visit the website or call 828-3261.



Vermont Department of Education

education.vermont.gov

(802) 828-3135

The mission of the Vermont Department of Education is to provide leadership and support to help all Vermont students achieve excellence. The DOE offers a wide variety of programs and services in support of Vermont's students, teachers, educators, administrators, families, and community members.



Verizon Reads

readingvermont.org

In 1999, Verizon established Verizon Reads to work for a more literate America through programs that create awareness, raise funds, and encourage collaboration among literacy program providers. Verizon Reads has chosen the Vermont Humanities Council as its Vermont partner for this national program. Reading Vermont is a partner program of Verizon Reads.



Vermont 2-1-1

Vermont211.org

Dial 2-1-1

2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects people with important community services and volunteer opportunities. Every hour of every day, someone needs essential services – from finding an after-school program to securing adequate care for a child or an aging parent. People often don't know where to turn. 2-1-1 helps people find information about and referrals to human services for every day needs and in times of crisis.