



THE COMMUNITY GRIEF LITERACY PROJECT

2027
Vermont
Library Tour

A statewide community initiative bringing grief education to towns across Vermont.

The Vermont Library Tour will bring the highly regarded “Being a Friend in Grief” workshop to 12 Vermont towns in 2027. Led by Francesca Lynn Arnoldy, this interactive workshop helps community members develop the language, confidence, and practical skills needed to support neighbors, loved ones, and colleagues experiencing loss.

12
TOWN
LIBRARIES

100s of
community
members

12
LIBRARY
GRIEF KITS

Why It Matters:

- Loss touches every community, yet most of us feel unprepared.
- The grief literacy workshop provides beneficial approaches and tools, enabling neighbors to show up and offer care with greater confidence.
- Libraries offer trusted, accessible spaces for adult learning and connection.

What Happens at Each Event:

1. A meaningful, interactive workshop about grief support.
2. Participants leave with knowledge they can carry into their families, workplaces, neighborhoods, and future experiences of loss.
3. Books, activity materials, discussion guides, and handouts remain as library collections.

Partnership Opportunities

Organizations can participate through a range of monetary and in-kind sponsorships, with opportunities to support library resources, tour delivery, statewide outreach, printing, and media.

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