

PROMOTING LITERACY

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While still celebrating, Ridgeview Elementary School first-grader Lily Klews (above) begins reading her new book during the Gift of Literacy Celebration at Lane Community College on Thursday morning. The program provides a book to every Springfield first-grader through a community partnership to promote literacy. In its six-year history, the Gift of Literacy Celebration has given nearly 7,200 books to community and school libraries, local organizations and more than 5,500 students. Among the guests Thursday was Clifford the Big Red Dog, the title character of scores of books by author Norman Bridwell and star of an animated PBS Kids series.

