

**Author: Kimberly Ridley**

**School: Greenville Consolidated School**

**Visit Reflection:** “This author visit was just a great day from start to finish and seemed meant to be from the very beginning before we ever applied for a grant. Teacher Selena Tardif and I have been doing Vernal pool units with her 6th grade class for years, but last year, I had a new book that I read to the group called *The Secret Pool* from author Kim Ridley. One of the best things about the visit was the willingness of the teachers to take part in the event and the fact that Selena and I were on the same page with this visit and had communicated well with each other and Kim throughout so that there were no surprises. The day ran smoothly and was a real benefit to all who attended. Another great aspect is that the entire community supported our day. We had the local Kiwanis group buy books for all 32 6th grade participants that Kim Ridley signed and personalized for each child, and a local motel owner donated a free night to our author.”

- Dawna L. Blackstone, AMC Piscataquis Co. Education Coordinator, June 4, 2018

