Schoolteacher Cynthia Duprey lost her home to flooding during Hurricane Irene and needed to start over. She decided to open a bookstore, but traditional lenders would not lend to her because of her low credit scores. Cynthia’s strong roots in her community led CDFI, Community Capital of Vermont (CCV) to lend her $40,000 to open Next Chapter Bookstore.

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Impact

• Duprey got her business off the ground, repaired the damages to her home, and improved her credit

• Next Chapter Bookstore is a thriving, driving Barre, Vermont’s business district revitalization

“Conventional methods of borrowing were not an option for me.”

Cynthia Duprey
Owner, Next Chapter Bookstore