

End of the School Year Spring 2017



"I had the best experience ever. This place is awesome and I'm glad I came," remarked one pupil about their school year at New Haven Reads. It has been a fantastic nine months with almost all of our students saying we make them better readers. Another student said she, "wanted to come every day of the week!"

Our volunteers enjoyed their time as well. "I look forward to my tutoring session every week," said one. "Tutoring at New Haven Reads is one of my favorite activities of the week. Even with just one hour a week, I feel like I'm making a big impact with my students and the New Haven Community," said another

Spelling Bee 2017



Last year's champions, the Hamden Public Library's "The Librarians...from Hell."

Make sure to save the date for our 6th Annual New Haven Reads Spelling Bee.

Friday, October 27, 2017
Yale School of Management
165 Whitney Avenue, New Haven.

If you would like the opportunity to be one of our incredible community sponsors please contact Fiona at spellingbee@newhavenreads.org



Emcee Anne Nyberg from WTNH with last year's second place team from the Yale Linguistics Department

Good Fellows Award



From left to right: Ken Fellows, John Horkel and Susan Fellows

New Haven Reads had the pleasure of presenting three of our tutors with the inaugural **Good Fellows Award** at our volunteer appreciation party. This award is given to volunteers who have shown an incredible dedication to our programs over the years. This year's recipients were **Ken** and **Susan Fellows** and **John Horkel**.

YNHH Book Drive

The Mutual Respect Committee from the Yale New Haven Hospital is holding a children's book drive for New Haven Reads from July to September. You can drop off your new or gently used children's books at one of the designated drop areas at either of the Yale New Haven Hospital campuses. Thank you!



New Haven Makes our End of the School Year Book Giveaway a Huge Success!

This May, over 300 new children's books, that we had planned to distribute as a part of our end-of-year book giveaway, were destroyed due to a leak in our Bristol Street basement.

Lucy Gellman, an NHR tutor and a writer for the New Haven Independent, decided to write a story about our plight. Within 48 hours of the publication of the story, we had enough pledged book donations to refill the entire stock we had lost and then some. In addition to a large number of individual donations, we have received books from local institutions such as:

- The Connecticut Children's Museum
- The New Haven Police Department
- R.J. Julia Booksellers
- and a variety of publishing companies such as Penguin Random House

For days, giant piles of packages of books showed up on our doorstep. We are so fortunate to have so many generous people care so deeply about our students!

Tutor Spotlight: Riley Richmond



"The kids always brighten my day and the other tutors come from all sorts of different backgrounds. It's a wonderful group of people to work with," says Riley Richmond, a Yale Biology student. "I've become invested in the success of the kids I work with weekly. I love seeing them grow and learn. I always find I'm excited at the beginning of every week to see what the kids I tutor have learned since I last saw them."

Are you interested in tutoring at New Haven Reads? We are always in need of volunteers. No experience is necessary and we provide all of the training and support you need. Help us make a significant impact on the life of a young reader!

Want to become a tutor? Email Keri at Volunteer@newhavenreads.org

Experience Corps



Did you know that the AARP's Experience Corps has been sending volunteers to New Haven Reads almost since the start of our programs?

The Experience Corps empowers adults age 50 and older to serve in their community by tutoring children who are reading below grade level and help disrupt the cycle of poverty. NHR officially became partners with the Experience Corps in 2014 and currently has 8 tutors who volunteer with us all year round! We are thrilled to work with an organization who shares our same goals.



May by the Numbers



- **485** students tutored each week in our one-on-one tutoring program.
- **55** students enrolled in Pre-K and Kindergarten program.
- **9,537** books distributed to the community via the Book Bank.
- **16** school field trips to our Bristol Street Book Bank.
- **75** students on our tutoring waiting list and an additional **34** students on our Pre-K/Kindergarten waiting list.



Upcoming Events

Start of NHR Summer Programs 2017

Wednesday, July 5

6th Annual NHR Spelling Bee!

Friday, October 27

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