



Newsletter, August 2017 Edition

Farewell Tanya!



It is with sadness and much love that we announce that Tanya Smith is moving to southern California after being a part of New Haven Reads for nine years. During her tenure as Education Director and Parent Liaison, she has been a major part of the transformation of New Haven Reads. When she started, our organization was a scrappy tutoring program and book bank. Today, we're a thriving literacy provider serving over 500 students out of four locations. Tanya has been invaluable to achieving our mission and will be greatly missed. Executive Director Kirsten Levinsohn notes, "New Haven Reads would never have become the stellar organization that it now is without Tanya's leadership, expertise, and warmth."

In Tanya's words, "I am blessed and honored to have been a part of this team for the past 9 years that has brought the joy and power of reading to the children of our community. All of you will forever be in my heart."

To read Tanya's farewell letter, please visit www.newhavenreads.org. For those of you who have asked about a fitting tribute to honor Tanya's tenure, she has asked that donations be made to NHR in lieu of any personal gifts.



We are very pleased to announce that Hayley Herrington, current Assistant Education Director, will be taking over as our new Education Director and Asia Gillespie will be our new Assistant Education Director. Our educational program will be in great hands with these two experienced, fabulous women.



Volunteer at NHR this fall!

Have you ever thought about volunteering at New Haven Reads? There is no time like the fall! We are seeking tutors for our fall programs starting in September. You can commit to as little as one hour a week and no experience is necessary. We provide training and support. Help us make an impact on the life of a young reader. Contact us at: volunteer@newhavenreads.org

Summer by the Numbers

- **Over 250** students tutored each week
- **32** Summer Literacy Campers attending daily for 5 weeks
- **400** hours of tutoring each week
- **14 enrichment clubs** including Chess, Puzzles, and Coding
- Over **5,000** books distributed via the Book Bank



Impressive Test Results!



Every fall and spring, we administer the Consortium of Reading Excellence (CORE) test to our first, second and third grade students. We track their progress and compare the spring scores to those from the fall.

The results are in!

- **Every student tested improved in at least one area of reading**
- **53% improved their score on every section of the test**
- **Three-quarters of our students improved their independent reading level by one or more grades**
- **Almost a third (32%) improved their independent reading level 2 or more grades**
- **84% of students tested in comprehension (second and third graders) improved their scores.**

These are great results, all the more so since we only work with students who start with us below grade level. Many of them come to New Haven Reads two or more grade levels behind.

Congratulations to our readers!

What an Incredible Summer at New Haven Reads!

In our 6 week summer session, we provide **400 hours of our regular tutoring** program and **14 enrichment clubs** for students including Coding, Math, Chess, and Puzzles. Clubs are a wonderful opportunity for our students to have new experiences and develop their literacy and language skills.

We also run terrific Pre-K and Kindergarten programs every day in the morning for 5 weeks. These delightful youngsters will start school ready to go!



Meet our First Niagara Foundation Interns!



Thanks to a generous grant from the First Niagara Foundation in partnership with KeyBank, we have six summer interns. These interns are a tremendous asset to our program as they tutor and run summer enrichment clubs when our Yale school-year tutors are out-of-town.

We are thrilled that the First Niagara Foundation has made a three-year commitment to our summer intern program. This grant ensures that our program remains robust in the summer, ensuring our students are ready for the new school year.

Save the Date for the 6th Annual Spelling Bee



Friday, October 27, 2017

Doors open, 6 pm.

Bee starts at 7 pm

Yale School of Management
165 Whitney Ave, New Haven.



If you would like to be a community sponsor, have an ad in our program, or simply find out more, please contact Fiona at spellingbee@newhavenreads.org. See YOU at the Bee!

Upcoming Events

Summer Recess - No Tutoring Saturday, August 14 - September 2

Teacher Open House (Contact Victoria@newhavenreads.org for more information)
Saturday, August 19 10 am - 2 pm **Location:** 45 Bristol Street

Fall Registration for Tutoring (Register at 45 Bristol Street for all sites)
August 23 and 24 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm
August 25 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

First Day of Fall Tutoring Program September 5

6th Annual NHR Spelling Bee! (Contact spellingbee@newhavenreads.org for more information)
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Thank YOU for your continued support.

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