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**Winter 2019**

Looking Forward to the New Year at NHR!

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**Get more involved in your community in 2019 - become a volunteer at NHR!**



Volunteers are the heart and soul of New Haven Reads, and we are always accepting new applications.

We have opportunities in the one-on-one tutoring program, the Book Bank, and helping with Field Trips. The minimum commitment is one hour per week and we provide training, resources, and support!

Our volunteers tell us this one of the best hours of their week! For more

information check out our website or contact our Outreach Director, Keri, at [volunteer@newhavenreads.org](mailto:volunteer@newhavenreads.org)

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**5 Reasons to Volunteer at NHR!**

#5 - Help others and benefit your health - did you know volunteering has health benefits?

#4 - Create lasting, positive change in a child's life

#3 - Share the love! Connect with a common community around a worthwhile cause

#2 - Be inspired

#1 - THE AMAZING NHR KIDS!



## Volunteer Spotlight: Meg Gillin, Tutor, Science Park

When Meg Gillin began volunteering at New Haven Reads 5 years ago, she was a little hesitant at first because she has no teaching background. However, the NHR staff were with her every step of the way and provided guidance when needed and her confidence in her own abilities grew. Since then, Meg keeps coming back because she values the students she works with and enjoys sharing her own love of reading with them.



Science Park Site Director, Audra Clark, says, "Meg always greets her students with a warm smile and asks about their day. She's flexible, reliable and we're lucky to have her at Science Park!"

Meg explained, "I think NHR is great for the New Haven community. It gives people of different ages and backgrounds a chance to come together and realize that we are more alike than different. I honestly feel that I learn as much from my students as I hope they learn from me."

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## NHR Holiday Book Giveaway created happy smiling faces!



All of our students chose three brand new books to take home and keep just before the holidays! CJ at Willow Street told us, "I can't wait to get home and start reading!" when he chose his new books. It is one of the most special times of year at NHR!

Special thanks to Abrams Books and Barnes & Noble Milford for helping supply brand new books for our students.

## 2018 NHR Highlights

Thanks to your support, we celebrated some wonderful moments last year: huge progress from our students, many smiles and high fives in our tutoring program, and sharing the joy and power of reading!



Some highlights included:

- 98% of our students increased their literacy scores
- 70% of our students improved their reading level by at least one whole grade level
- Receiving the Mentorship Award from the Black and Hispanic Caucus of the New Haven Board of Alders
- Expanding our schools field trip program
- Taking a busload of students on a field trip to Mystic Aquarium
- Naming the corner of Bristol and Ashmun Streets for our founder, Christine Alexander, and celebrating with a community ice cream social

We thank all of our incredible NHR family – our students, families, staff, board, supporters, volunteers for making NHR such a special place to be! We are excited to see what 2019 will bring!

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## NHR by the Numbers



**507** students received **714** hours of tutoring with 44% attending twice a week

**48** students in the Pre-K/Kindergarten program

**6,902** books distributed by the Book Bank

**9** field trips hosted by the Book Bank

## Calling All Teachers!

Did you know that NHR offers free field trips for area schools? We still have field trip spots available! Students get 5 free books and storytime.

Field trips run at 10am and 11am.  
Sign up today at:

[newhavenreads.youcanbook.me](http://newhavenreads.youcanbook.me).



## NHR has a new website!

Check out our new and improved website at [www.newhavenreads.org](http://www.newhavenreads.org)!

## Upcoming Events

### February Recess

February 18 to 23, 2019

No tutoring and special Book Bank hours

### General Tutor Training

Feb 21, 2019

1:00pm to 3:00pm

Visit our website to register!



Do you have questions about what is happening when?  
**Check out our program calendar on our website.**

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