



End of School Year 2019 Newsletter

Thanks to you, our students are making great strides!

Test results demonstrate huge growth!



New Haven Reads is thrilled to announce that our recent testing shows that

- **100% of the students tested improved in at least one literacy area!**
- **29% of our students improved in all of the literacy areas.**

Independent reading level is a key measurement for students and **72% of our students improved by at least one grade level** during the six months between the pre and post testing - with over a quarter improving two or more grade levels!

One of our students told us, "It's been so great. I am getting so much better at reading. My grade is getting higher and that's why I love New Haven Reads."

These results not only demonstrate the effectiveness of our program but also the dedication of our students and tutors in sharing the joy and power of reading.



Readers leading the way



Through our new Readers as Leaders program, six former NHR students have become tutors in the program in which they were helped years earlier. Deon Griffin, an ESUMS senior, stated, "I chose to tutor because throughout my years of being tutored, I received countless hours of love and support. And, I wanted to give back."

This program is a win-win! NHR always needs more terrific tutors and, sometimes, our older students find it difficult to obtain their first jobs. The Readers as Leaders program helps them gain valuable work experience in a warm and supportive environment.

When asked about the impact of the program, Brian Garzon, a rising UCONN freshman, added "The impact that New Haven Reads has on children is something that stays. New Haven Reads is an enriching experience for them."

As a former NHR for eight years, Brian stated, "I believe I wouldn't be where I am in my educational success without the help NHR has provided."



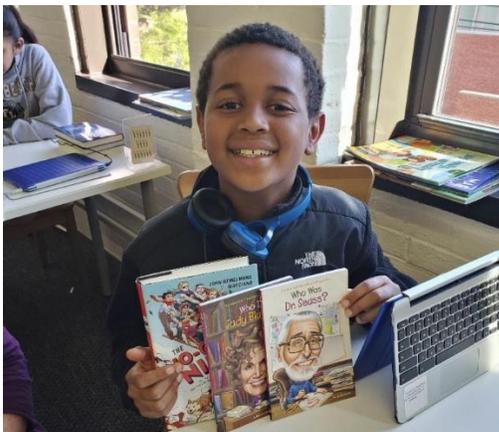
Helping thousands of books find new homes

Over the past few weeks, thousands of books have been heading out of NHR to new homes!



We were honored to participate in **the Freddy Fixer Parade** on June 1 where we were able to distribute over 1,700 books to the parade-goers.

Our **Teacher Open House** distributed over **1,500 books** and made sure that many local classrooms had extra books to give away for summer reading.



And, last but not least, all of the **students in our programs** chose **three new books each** to read over the summer! We are on track to distribute over 110,000 books this year.

NHR by the Numbers

554 students received **738** hours of tutoring thanks to the dedicated help of **422** volunteers

46 students in the Pre-K/Kindergarten program

11,905 books distributed by the Book Bank in May



21 field trips hosted by the Book Bank in May

A fond farewell to our departing board members

We are so grateful for the incredible dedication and service of our three Board members who are cycling off our Board. Departing Board Chair, Heather Calabrese said, "I am so proud and pleased to have served on the New Haven Reads board. I am in awe of the remarkable work the staff and volunteers do to help children improve their reading and literacy skills. This is an organization that is truly changing lives, and being a small part of that has changed mine."



Pictured from left to right: Board Chair, Heather Calabrese, Vice Chair, Susan Netter, and Jodi Schneider.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors!



L-R: Tutor Phil Bleich, Jordan, Education Director, Hayley Herrington, Jeffrey, and Tutor and Executive Director, Kirsten Levinsohn

Congratulations to NHR students Arcadia, Deon, Jeffery, Jordan, and Magaly who are graduating and heading to college this fall! They have been at NHR for a combined 35 years and we can't wait to see what they do next.

Watch a video about the impact on these students on our website!

Upcoming Events

Alternative Book Bank Hours

From June 17 to 30.
Monday to Friday only, 1 to 5pm.
Closed on Saturdays.

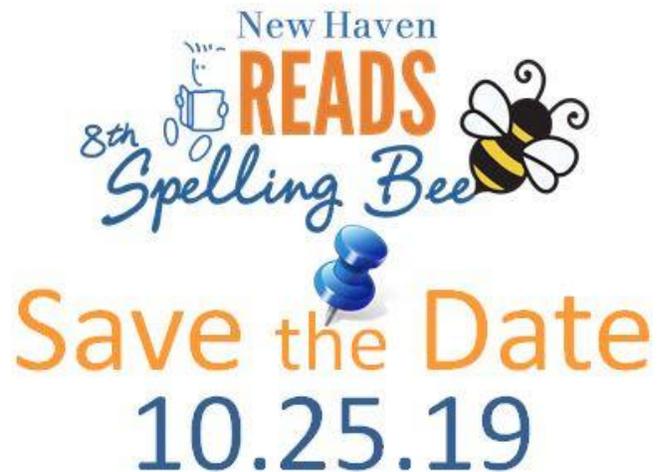
General Tutor Training

Jun 24, 2019
4:00pm to 6:00pm
Register on our website!

First day of Summer Session Tutoring

July 1, 2019

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



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