New Haven READS
Annual Report

2018/19
New Haven Reads, founded to “share the joy and power of reading,” increases the literacy skills of children to empower their academic success by providing individually tailored one-on-one after-school tutoring, educational family support, and a community book bank, all at no cost to participants.

All programs offered are free of charge to participants.

Building a community of readers...

PROGRAMS

One-on-one tutoring
A structured hour of individualized literacy help

Pre-K/Kindergarten
Small classes of literacy instruction twice a week

Book bank
Distribution of gently-used books throughout the community to school teachers, doctors’ offices, soup kitchens, preschools, correctional facilities, etc.
66% of children in our community read below grade level.*

New Haven Reads exists to share the joy and power of reading.

* Research from the Annie E. Casey Foundation shows that third grade students who do not read on grade level are four times less likely to graduate high school by age 19. When poverty is a factor, these students are thirteen times less likely to graduate.

2018-19 HIGHLIGHTS

We reached new, record milestones:
• 608 students supported weekly
• 762 program hours per week
• 116,176 books distributed
• 454 volunteers

Of our students who were tested:
• 100% increased their literacy scores in at least one area
• 27% increased scores in all areas
• 72% improved their independent reading level by at least one grade level

“It’s the best place ever”
—Student

We were honored to receive two awards this year. In October, we were recognized by the Black and Hispanic Caucus of the New Haven Board of Alders with the 2018 Mentorship Award.

In April, we received the New Haven Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 2019 Youth Development Community Award.

We expanded our summer kindergarten program to Willow Street providing even more students with an opportunity to learn critical literacy skills and prepare for school success in the fall.
Building readers…

Our tutoring program numbers

608 students attended
762 program hours
454 tutors

Book Bank numbers

116,176 books distributed
112 Field Trips from
36 Schools, providing
2,013 students with
11,676 books this year

“My child lives for her days of tutoring. She has … learned so much from being a participant.”
—Parent

Approaching two million books distributed since day one, and counting!

When Kindergarten student, Tyrus, came to New Haven Reads at the beginning of the year, he only knew the letter T. He struggled to do any work given to him. However, he has worked very hard all year and has ended the year knowing all of his letters and sounds. His test score from October to May went from 1% to 72%! Today, Tyrus is able to write sentences on his own and takes his time to sound out the words and make sure he spells everything the best he can. Tyrus has come a long way since the start of the year and we are so proud of him!

“IT been so great. I got so much better at reading. My grade is getting high (and) that’s why I love New Haven Reads”
—Student
Building results...

In our one-on-one tutoring program, our students have seen gains across the board this academic year.

- Every student improved in at least one area tested on the CORE test
- 29% improved in all areas of reading tested
- 72% improved one grade or more in their independent reading level!

In our pre-kindergarten/Kindergarten program, our students receive a solid foundation for future reading success.

- **Our pre-kindergarten student scores** increased by an average of 18%
- **Our kindergarten student scores** increased by an average of 37%

Zehra does not have a strong vocabulary yet as English is her second language. To help bridge this gap, our site staff and her tutor helped her create Zehra’s Collection of Interesting Words – a notebook full of pictures of words that were new to her. In the book, she can tape the picture, write the phonetic sound for its pronunciation, and a sentence using that word. Being able to individualize her one-on-one session makes a huge difference – Zehra receives the help she needs and is growing in skills and confidence. We are so proud of her progress!
Building a community...

Readers to Leaders
Through our Readers to Leaders program, six former NHR students have become tutors working to support current children in the program. Ethan Evans stated, “New Haven Reads fostered my educational growth and helped me find my own passions and confidence. I'm so glad I get to pass on this gift to my own students.”

This program provides us with terrific tutors, and our older students gain valuable work experience in a warm and supportive environment.

Working together with parents/caregivers and partners
We established a Family Engagement Team to focus on building communication and creating community between the parents, guardians, and New Haven Reads staff. We are excited to see what this new initiative will bring.

Along with MakeHaven and the New Haven Land Trust, New Haven Reads is working with community members to build outdoor structures to house books. Our initiative, called Help Your Shelves, has built six book boxes that we will install in neighborhood parks or community gardens where books are needed.

We were proud to participate in the annual New Haven Freddy Fixer Parade where we distributed over 1,700 books to paradegoers.

“My favorite thing is that the child can receive free books. They are able to also receive leadership and tutoring from people who really care.”
—Parent

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS
Book Bank

Community Collaborations

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Annual cost to run New Haven Reads 2017-18: $786,264

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**REVENUE 2017/18**

- Contributions: 41%
- Government Grants: 22%
- In-kind: 5%

**EXPENSES 2017/18**

- Administration: 13%
- Program: 83%
- Fundraising: 4%

Because of space constraints we are unable to print all names. A full listing is on our website.

We made every effort to verify the names and dollar amounts. Please excuse any mistakes and please let us know.

Thank you to our staff and all of our volunteers who work so hard to build a community of readers.

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