

August 2020 Newsletter

On fire with online learning!



Summer Success at NHR

Our six week summer session saw NHR continuing to use our Distance Learning Program with the addition of enrichment clubs for students. Club options included math, chess, creative writing, and science and nature. Students received “packets” at the start of the summer session to make sure they had the resources they needed to be able to make the most of summer learning. Packets included headphones, whiteboards, new books, workbooks, and pencils/crayons. We also helped families with technology by providing laptops and internet hotpot.



Of the students tested this summer, 98% of our students either stayed at the same or improved their independent reading levels since last fall. Our students did really well, despite the expected Covid-slide due to the pandemic. Distance learning attendance is almost 4% higher than regular programs also! We are so proud of our students’ hard work despite the challenges of distance learning. **Thank you to everyone - especially our incredible staff and volunteers - who made summer learning a success!**



It has been a summer of reading!

We have been distributing gently used and new books to families at some of the busiest meal distribution locations in New Haven every Friday since May! This program began because of the coronavirus pandemic and has ensured that **8,480 books have been distributed to New Haven households**. Other books have been distributed through partnerships with LEAP and Common Ground.



We are so grateful for the partnership with **Abrams Books**, **The Study at Yale**, **Read to Grow**, **New Haven Public Schools**, and our incredible volunteers who made this such a success. **And special thanks to the donors who made it possible for us to purchase thousands of new, diverse books to distribute!** We look forward to continuing book distributions in the fall.



COVID-19 grants have made a difference.

NHR has received several generous grants from funders to help us pay for coronavirus-related expenses. We are grateful for this critical support for these unexpected costs related to technology for families, resource packets for students, and for books. Thank you to: Carolyn Foundation, Yale Community for New Haven Fund, and the Greater New Haven COVID-19 Community Fund.





Calling all teachers!

We are still having our annual Teacher Open House this year!
Please reserve your spot on Friday August 21 or Saturday, August 22 and follow our COVID-19 protocols for a safe experience.

Distance Learning by the Numbers

- **8,480** books handed out during summer book distributions
- **210** students enrolled in tutoring and clubs for **437** hours of programs.
- **18** students in the daily Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten program
- Summer distance learning average attendance is **3-4%** higher than our regular in-person programs.
- Thanks to our **4** interns from the First Niagara Foundation in partnership with KeyBank and Presidential Public Service Fellows from Yale University and the University of New Haven for their hard work this summer.



NHR Summer 2020 Lecture Series



Across the summer, New Haven Reads has invited speakers from a variety of disciplines, ranging from sociology and linguistics to architecture and early childhood education for a series of talks. The series brings a variety of perspectives and research on language, learning and literacy. There is only one lecture remaining on August 22. To **watch all of the talks so far**, visit our website.



Upcoming Events

NHR August Recess

No tutoring - August 15 to September 7, 2020

The **Book Bank** is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12pm to 4pm in the summer with added safety precautions. We will add Fridays in the fall.

Teacher Open House

August 21 and 22 - registration is required.

Online: Summer Lecture Series

Saturday August 18, 4PM.

Dr. Bryan Brown– Stanford University

Topic: *“Race, Language, and Culture: Impact in urban classrooms”*.

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