



## Set for a summer of sharing the joy and power of reading!



After over a year of remote learning, our staff are thrilled to welcome students back this summer both in-person and online.

We have worked with a team of public health experts to re-open safely. We will have enhanced health protocols in place including masks and improved ventilation. Our Bristol St and Dixwell Center programs will be conducted under tents in the Bristol St parking lot.

Our six-week summer session is not just about tutoring. Whether online or in-person, students can participate in enrichment clubs such as math, creative writing, music, and science. Our Pre-K and Kindergarten Literacy Camps will be in full swing five days a week, and our Book Bank is open to the public. After a challenging year, we look forward to a summer of fun and reading to help prepare students for the next school year.

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## Paving the path to success through literacy

At a time when students nationwide regressed academically during this tumultuous year, 94% of our students actually **improved** their literacy scores. Additionally, 60% of them **improved their reading level by a whole grade level or more** over a period of seven months. We are so proud of our students and grateful to their tutors for their hard work during a challenging year.

Thank you to everyone who made this particular school year such a success! We are grateful for your partnership. Despite all of the challenges of the pandemic and remote learning, our community's commitment to literacy has amazed and inspired us.



**Our students have bright futures because of your investment in them.  
Thank you!**

## Our Readers to Leaders Support Our Students



For the past three years, New Haven Reads has welcomed former students back as paid tutors in our “Readers to Leaders” Program.

Executive Director, Kirsten Levinsohn said of the program “It is a huge asset to have our Readers to Leaders working with our students. They understand what their student is experiencing because they were once in their shoes.” For our young students, they see

someone who is just a few years older, looks like them, and is strong academically. They are terrific role models!

Esteban was a student at NHR for five years. He returned as a Reader to Leader two years ago and has enjoyed working with students as a tutor. He told us that NHR helped him academically and increased his confidence. He learned how to get his schoolwork done more efficiently and became excited and motivated to learn. A recent Wilbur Cross graduate, Esteban heads to UCONN this fall!



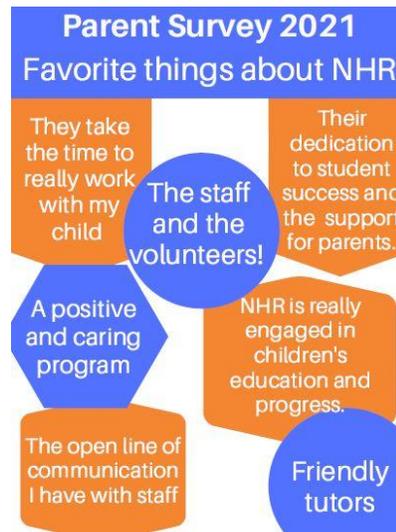
## Coming soon to meal distribution locations in New Haven – Books for Kids!

For summer 2021, we are happy to continue our partnership with FoodCorps AmeriCorps to give books to all students who are taking advantage of New Haven Public Schools’ summer meal distribution.

Unlike last year’s program which was based at area schools, this year, buses will deliver means –and books! - across New Haven. NHR Book Bank Director, Victoria Smith said, “We are excited to partner in this effort to help children grow their home libraries this summer!”



**We recently completed our 2021 Parent Survey and our families told us some of their favorite things about NHR!**



## June by the Numbers

- **285** one-one tutoring students for **436** hours of programs every week
- **245** distance learning tutors
- **8** Pre-K and Kindergarten program students
- **4,448** books distributed

## Upcoming Events

**Summer Session:** Tuesday, July 6 – Friday, August 12

**Summer Books Bank Hours:** Monday to Friday, 12pm to 4pm

**Summer Lecture Series 1:** July 10, 2pm-2:45pm via Zoom

**Speakers:** Stella Betts and David Leven, LEVENBETTS; *“Three ways of Looking at the Free Library”*

**Summer Lecture Series 2:** July 17, 2pm-2:45pm via Zoom

**Speaker:** Julie Washington, Ph.D., USC Irvine *“Using culturally relevant reading materials to promote interest in reading among under-served students”*

**Thank you for supporting New Haven Reads!**

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