

A Joyful Summer Full of Reading!



We had a wonderful six-week summer tutoring session, and it was extra special because a third of students and tutors were able to return in person! In-person sessions are particularly rewarding for our students who benefit from the tactile, manipulative, and multi-sensory methods used by our tutors to teach them literacy skills. It is also great to have the enhanced social interaction made possible from in-person tutoring. In-person programs were enabled through the implementation of COVID-safety guidelines which included mask-wearing, social distancing, improved ventilation, and regular disinfecting of learning spaces and tools.

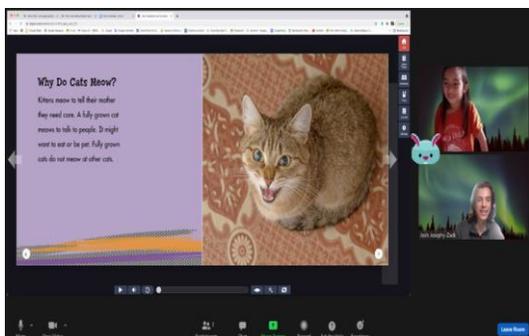
Additionally, at our Bristol location, tents were installed outdoors for enrichment clubs. Thanks to generous donors and grants, we were able to purchase multiple copies of books and learning materials which allowed pairs to work effectively despite no longer being right next to one another. Our six-week summer session was not just about tutoring. Whether online or in-person, students could participate in enrichment clubs such as math, chess, science, and creative writing. Daily Pre-K and Kindergarten Literacy Camps welcomed students for five weeks of ocean-themed literacy support. After a challenging year, we enjoyed a summer of fun and reading helping prepare students for the next school year.



**Thank you for
investing in our
students.**

**Because of your
support, they have
bright futures
ahead of them!**

Online Learning Enhanced for Summer Tutoring



With the majority of our students choosing to remain online this summer, the NHR team found creative ways to enhance the online tutoring and club experience. We distributed resource packets that included hard copies of high-interest books to students and their tutors so they could still read together, even over Zoom. Our new online book platform, myON, allowed students to access a whole new array of books tailored to their individual interests. NHR staff came together to create new virtual choice time games including unscrambling sentences and category games. Huge thanks to our amazing tutors who made these remote learning sessions such a success for our students.

RISE: Setting Sights on a Second Year of Success

The Reading Intervention for Success Everyday (RISE) program focuses on the small percentage of students for whom a more intensive instruction model is beneficial. In partnership with Literacy How, we have developed a robust Structured Literacy approach, i.e. systematic, cumulative, explicit, and diagnostic instruction.

During our 2020-21 pilot, RISE's specially-trained tutors focused on keeping five dedicated students on their paths to successful reading. The RISE assessment results were phenomenal!



On average, our students' overall scores improved by 40%, with individual improvements ranging from 19% to 173%! The extraordinary impact of RISE, however, extends far beyond the numbers.

Current RISE student, Michael, shared: *"I've done a lot of programs and the RISE program is definitely the best. [My tutor] switches up the activities which I love because it is more exciting. She helps me so much with reading."* Michael's mom told us. *"With his tutor's support, Michael feels that not only can he be a reader, but that he can be successful at school."*

RISE Phase 2 will start in October with eight students under a hybrid model of both in-person and online meetings. Thank you to the numerous donors and foundations who have helped make RISE such a success.

Summer is a Great Time to Build Home Libraries

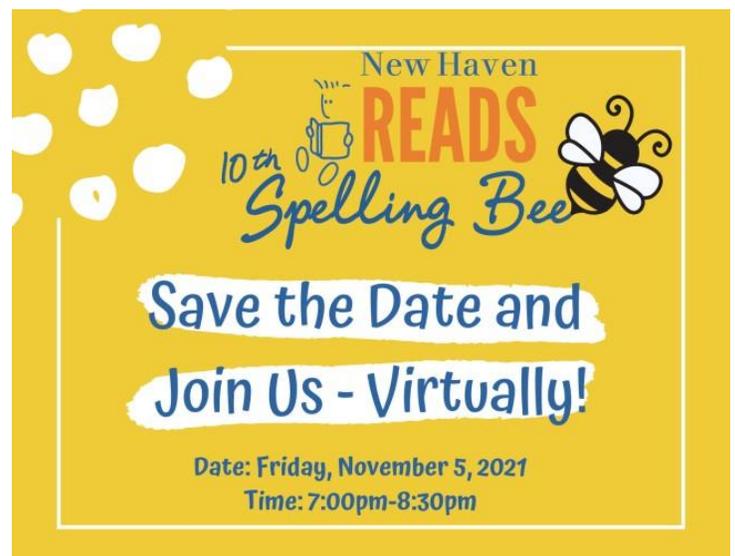


For summer 2021, we are happy to continue our partnership with FoodCorps AmeriCorps to give books to all students who are taking advantage of New Haven Public Schools' summer meal distribution. Unlike last year's program which was based at area schools, this year, buses delivered meals -and books!- across New Haven. NHR Book Bank Director, Victoria Smith said, "We are excited to be a partner in this effort to help children grow their home libraries this summer! Books have also been distributed at events including the New Haven Public Schools' Fitness and Reading Challenge. Thank you to all of our partners who have helped facilitate these distributions!

Kindergarten Summer Fun Had an Ocean Theme

This summer, the New Haven Reads Summer Literacy Camps for rising Kindergarteners and first graders was full of learning and fun! With support from the Woman's Seamen's Friend's Society of CT, we were able to bring Mystic Aquarium to camp. Students learned about aquatic animals and their habitats, and brought home a brand new book each week that focused on a sea animal.

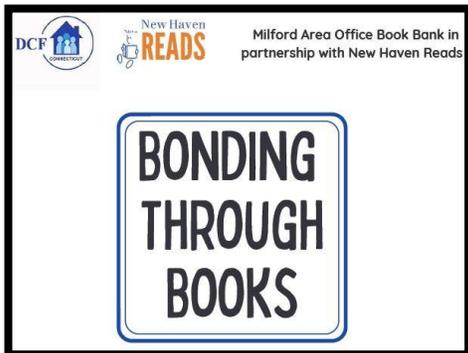
Our literacy campers focused on literacy but we also provided math instruction based on Common Core standards. We included a variety of art projects and hands-on activities. Ultimately, campers had a great summer experience and learned so much! Our youngest students are ready for kindergarten and first grade this coming school year!



New Haven
READS
10th Annual Spelling Bee

**Save the Date and
Join Us - Virtually!**

Date: Friday, November 5, 2021
Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm



Bonding Through Books: A New Partnership with DCF

We are excited to announce a new partnership with the Department of Children and Families (Milford Office)! NHR is providing hundreds of books for a new in-office Book Bank that is being used to provide books for children awaiting placement, during home visits, and as a space for parents and children to bond through reading during supervised visits.



Summer by the Numbers

- **161** one-on-one tutoring students for **379** hours of programs every week.
- **226** tutoring hours of which 74 were in-person (33%)
- **111** volunteer tutors
- **8** Kindergarten program students attending daily
- **6,247** books distributed

Upcoming Events

Fall Tutoring Session

Tuesday, September 7 to Saturday December 18

Fall Book Bank Hours

Monday and Friday: 12 pm - 4 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday: 1 pm - 7 pm

Thursday: 1 pm - 6 pm

General Tutor Training

October 17. Register on our website.



Thank you for supporting New Haven Reads!
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