NHR has made a huge impact on our students’ learning and in their lives!

Our students and tutors work diligently together all year long. Our recently analyzed results of our assessment scores highlight and underscore that hard work.

In our one-on-one tutoring program, our impressive results comparing the fall to spring show:

- **100% of our students improved their literacy scores**
- Over 90% improved their reading comprehension score
- 75% improved their Reading Level one or more grade levels

Our RISE students have also demonstrated tremendous gains. Our RISE program is an intensive program for selected students who receive explicit and differentiated Structured Literacy interventions three times a week.

Among the many findings for the RISE program:

- Students are reading **25 more words per minute** comparing the fall to the spring – a **78% increase**, this is a powerful measure of improved literacy.

With the support of their dedicated tutors, our students are working hard at sounding out new words, reading more challenging texts, and understanding new concepts and perspectives through books. All three NHR locations are filled with the joyous hum of students reading aloud, discussing plots, and laughing with their tutors as they uncover the pleasure of reading.

Thank you for being a part of this success journey to help our students harness the joy and power of reading!

We distributed **325 NEW books** to our students just in time for summer vacation!
NHR’s Reader to Leader Program

Our Readers to Leaders (R2L) program is one of the most important parts of NHR, because it shows our students that not only can they become strong readers, but they can help others learn to read too. Many of our students have shared that they can’t wait until they get older to become a R2L!

Our R2Ls are former NHR students that return to give the same gift that was given to them; the joy and power of reading. R2Ls tutor 5-8 hours a week and receive instruction, mentorship, and a paycheck.

“I believe the R2L program is impactful because it allows local youth the opportunity to give back to their community in the same way in which their community gave back to them,” said Asia Allen, our Readers to Leaders Success Coach.

One of our R2Ls, Sebastian, explained, “When I was a New Haven Reads student in elementary school, I had a tutor who showed up for me every week and worked his hardest to make sure I was constantly growing and improving. I was always inspired by his dedication to helping students in the New Haven community. Growing up within that very same community, it further inspired me to develop the same dedication. Becoming a R2L was my way of extending the values of passion, mentorship, and the importance of being educated that my tutors and the entire NHR staff instilled in me.”

For most of the R2Ls, this is their first job, so we work with them on building necessary skills to join the workforce like timeliness, organization, and communication. They have mentors at their sites and Asia supporting them every step of the way.

Thank you to the Pincus Family Foundation for support for this program

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A Huge Thank You to Ruth!

Ruth Beardsley has been involved with NHR since joining us as a tutor in 2009. Over her 13 years as a tutor, Ruth has helped over 20 students increase their literacy skills with hundreds of hours of tutoring.

Ruth joined our Board in 2016 and became President in 2019 for a three-year term which ended this month. We have benefited tremendously from her leadership, expertise, and support. Along with the usual Board President duties, Ruth played a fundamental role in guiding New Haven Reads through the pandemic so we could continue to offer our highly impactful program safely. Ruth has been a dedicated and thoughtful Board President.

While Ruth is concluding her Board term, she will continue to be a tutor and will serve on a couple committees. We are extremely grateful to her for all her terrific years of Board service and are glad that she will continue to be part of our New Haven Reads family.

Volunteer Spotlight: Melanie S.

The Willow Street team has nominated Melanie as an incredible tutor who goes above and beyond for her students. Site Director, Carol Sarmiento, states that Melanie’s ability to engage with every kind of student, no matter their age, skill level, or temperament, makes her a great tutor.

Melanie strives to form connections with her students through humor and story-telling. She finds a way to bring the books to life for her kids and never fails to encourage their curiosity in any subject.

Melanie told us: “I love it. I’ve learned a lot from the kids. Each one brought something unique to the table. It feels good to be helpful and see the world through different (and younger) perspectives.”

We are so grateful to Melanie and all the volunteers who make NHR such a success. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can become a tutor, please visit our volunteer page on our website or email volunteer@newhavenreads.org.
Upcoming Events and Important Dates

**NHR Summer Session:** Tuesday, July 5th – Friday, August 8th

**Independence Day:** Monday, July 4th NHR closed for all program and the Book Bank

**Summer Book Bank Hours:**
- **Monday:** 12pm – 4pm
- **Tuesday:** 1pm – 7pm
- **Wednesday:** 1pm – 7pm
- **Thursday:** 1pm – 6pm
- **Friday:** 12pm – 6pm

**Science of Reading Workshop:** Saturday, July 30th from 9am – 12pm at 85 Willow St. Led by Margie Gillis, President of Literacy How. Free introductory workshop for tutors, teachers, and parents.

**Summer Recess:** Monday, August 15th to Tuesday, September 6th – No tutoring programs

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**Summer by the Numbers**

Working with **304** students at **3** locations every week for **398** hours of programs

Thank you to our **234** volunteers

We distributed **6,294** books in May!

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Thank you to everyone who supports New Haven Reads – we appreciate you!

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