WOW! 100% of our students increased their literacy scores!

As we wrap up the school year and turn to the summer session, we are delighted to share that once again **100% of our students improved their literacy scores this year!**

We access students in October and again in May. In November, students receive intervention packets to target those skill areas that need support based on the October results. Additional spring results demonstrated that **52% of students improved their independent reading level by a year in just seven months. Plus, 90% improved their reading comprehension scores.** We are so proud of all our students’ hard work and resulting noteworthy progress. Our program is based in the science of reading and is extremely effective.

**Special thanks to our amazing volunteer tutors who support our students every week!**

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**NHR chosen as the Literacy Lead in the New Haven Tutoring Initiative**

The New Haven Tutoring Initiative is focused on improving educational outcomes for local students grades 1-5.

Starting this July with a summer pilot program, New Haven Reads will be working alongside the United Way of Greater New Haven and many after school programs in a two-year effort to boost literacy skills. In this initiative, New Haven Reads will train and support staff of numerous after school and summer programs in modified versions of our tutoring model. NHR staff will model the program, supply materials, help assess students, and provide weekly support.

In addition to New Haven Reads, LEAP, the Boys and Girls Club, Horizons at Foote, Inspired Communities, New Haven Counts, and New Hytes will all include literacy or math tutoring in their programs this summer. We will reach out to additional programs to join the initiative starting this school year. This initiative will also engage with parents, families, and the wider community to support our children.
Our 20th Anniversary Celebration was “One for the Books”!

We welcomed 250 attendees to Bear’s Smokehouse Barbecue and enjoyed dinner, drinks, and music but FaTE Band! It was a wonderful celebration of over twenty years of sharing the joy and power of reading. During these two decades, we have served over 7,000 students and distributed over 2.5 million books.

During our event held on April 26, we honored our Literacy Champions, Margie Gillis of Literacy How, Kim Healey, retired Executive Director of NewAlliance Foundation, and Senator Gary Winfield for their contributions to literacy as state and national levels. We also honored our Literacy Heroes – Yale University, The Study at Yale, Cindy Kissin, Claire Criscuolo, East Rock Magnet School, Seedlings Foundation, and the staff, Board, and volunteers – for their partnership with New Haven Reads and their contributions in literacy in Greater New Haven. We are so grateful for all our honorees in supporting New Haven Reads and the community.

We also heard from Josh Barber, our first ever tutoring student, who appears in our anniversary video. Josh spoke about his experience as the first student at New Haven Reads and the impact it has had on his life.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event. We are so grateful for all our sponsors and community partners who made this event such success in raising $58,000.

Volunteer as a tutor this summer or in the fall!

Did you know NHR provides a six-week summer tutoring session? It’s the perfect time to tutor!

With a commitment of just one hour a week, you can change the life of a child by helping him become a skilled and confident reader. Our program works. We provide all the training and ongoing support you will need.

For more information contact volunteers@newhavenreads.org!
Fun at the Freddy Fixer Parade

On Sunday, June 4th, New Haven Reads joined hundreds of other participants in the Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade. Founded in 1962, the Freddy Fixer Parade is one of the oldest Black community parades in the Northeast. The NHR team distributed 1,080 books to children along the parade route.

Willow Street Assistant Site Director Lizz said, “Participating in the Freddy Fixer Parade was such an awesome way to give back to the community and connect with the children in the neighborhood. It was also great to see some of our own students and families cheering on the parade!” New Haven Reads is proud to continue to participate in such a great community event.

BUZZ BUZZ! Save the date!

The NHR Spelling Bee is back!
Friday, October 20, 2023
Yale University School of Management
More information coming soon!

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Foundations of the Program Model Tutor Training:
An in-depth training for current NHR tutors. June 27. 3pm-5pm (in-person, 85 Willow St.)

Summer Literacy Programs:
Monday, July 3 to Friday, August 11

Save the Date for Spelling Bee 11:
Friday, October 20, 2023; 7pm to 9pm at Yale University’s School of Management in New Haven. Stay tuned for more information!
Spring at NHR by the numbers

Working with 370 students at 4 locations every week for over 500 hours of programs.

Thank you to over 330 volunteers!

We distributed over 5,500 books in May and hosted 10 school field trips!

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

Keep in touch by following us!