At New Haven Reads, we help our students reach their full potential through literacy interventions based in the science of reading at critical points in their development.

Founded to share the joy and power of reading, New Haven Reads partners with the community to provide free one-on-one tutoring, educational family support, and a book bank to empower aspiring readers to master the literacy skills needed to thrive in school and life.

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We celebrated our 20th anniversary (delayed by the pandemic) and marked the milestones of serving over 7,000 students and distributing over 2.5 million books.

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Our Book Bank hosted 86 field trips to area schools and distributed over 75,000 books into the community.

New Haven Reads has been chosen as the Literacy Lead for the New Haven Tutoring Initiative, a two-year tutoring literacy and math intervention project for New Haven students funded by the American Rescue Plan.

We opened a new fourth location at Bishop Woods School as part of their after-school program. This allowed us to serve students who may not otherwise be able to access our other locations.

“Reading is the key to all other academic learning, and as such, it’s absolutely necessary for a successful life. Learning to read should be a fundamental right for all children.”

— KIRSTEN LEVINSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NHR

Connecticut continues to have one of the largest achievement gaps in the nation between low-income students and their peers.

Pandemic-related learning gaps and learning disruption are still critical issues for students who were already working below grade level before Covid.

Only 16% of New Haven third graders are reading at grade level and one third of local children live in poverty – creating a huge need for NHR’s literacy programs and family support.
Programs

Over 2.5 million books distributed since 2001

Gave out over 75,000 books in 2022-23.

Hosted 86 school field trips where students listen to stories and go “shopping” for five books each in the Book Bank.

Distributed thousands of books at parades and community events. Volunteers continue to fill local “book boxes” with thousands of NHR books to build home libraries.

The Freddy Fixer Parade made a joyful return in 2023 for the first time since 2019. The New Haven Reads team of staff and volunteers loved participating and distributed over 1,000 books to spectators along the parade route!

As a part of the Dixwell community, we are proud to join in the Freddy Fixer Parade. It was fun to share in this community tradition and get books into kids’ hands at the same time.

—VICTORIA SMITH, BOOK BANK DIRECTOR

“I love seeing my kids being so excited about their new books from NHR that they just sit right down and start reading!”

—TEACHER

We love to hear the excited chatter of visiting students who come to NHR for a field trip on weekday mornings! After many virtual field trips due to the pandemic, we were happy to be back in person hosting classes from dozens of area schools at our Book Bank.

All programs offered are free of charge to participants.
Aspire

Our largest program: one-on-one literacy tutoring

370 students every week with 26% attending twice a week or more

505 hours of tutoring every week — Thanks to —

234 amazing community volunteers

Dramatic score improvements demonstrated over 7 months from fall to spring:

- 100% of students tested improved their literacy scores
- 90% improved their reading comprehension score
- 63% of students tested improved their reading level one or more grade levels

Willow Street student, Tyrique, was a reluctant chapter book reader at the beginning of the year. His tutor, Dale, and Site Director, Carol, encouraged and supported him. As a result, he has just finished all of the Dragon Masters series — all 19 of them! Tyrique now plans to read “Who was, What is, Where is.” These books are two grade levels above the Dragon Masters! We love how chapter books no longer intimidate Tyrique and his confidence as a reader has soared.

SHEMAR: READER TO LEADER

Shemar Williams became a student at NHR in middle school. He told us, “I had a lot less confidence then. And trouble talking to other people. Then I opened up with my tutor, and then to others.” Today, he is a successful high school student and has returned to NHR as a Reader to Leader. This program, funded by the Pincus Family Foundation, is for former students who return as paid tutors. Readers to Leaders are not much older than the students they tutor and serve as inspiration and mentors. For most, this is their first paid job and NHR provides support and guidance every step of the way.

SUPPORTING A CITYWIDE LITERACY INITIATIVE

The New Haven Tutoring Initiative is a response by the City of New Haven, New Haven Public Schools, United Way of Greater New Haven, NHR, and a group of other youth-serving agencies who came together to design a way to help address math and literacy challenges for New Haven children.

NHR was selected as the Initiative’s Lead Literacy Organization. We are supporting the implementation of high quality enrichment and tutoring based on the science of reading through after school and summer programs with our community partners.

We are excited to provide increased access to literacy for our community’s children so they can learn critical skills and develop an enjoyment of reading.
A New Haven for Reading

Our Journey Over 20 Years

2001
Founder Christine Alexander initiates the Book Bank

2002
Free tutoring program begins

2003
Book Bank opens at Chapel Square Mall

2005
NHR is incorporated as a 501(c) 3

2006
NHR opens at 45 Bristol Street

2008
Kindergarten Program is introduced

2009
NHR received $200,000 Federal Earmark Grant

2010
Dixwell and Science Park locations open

2012
1st Spelling Bee Fundraiser
School field trips to the Book Bank start

2015
15 years!

2016
2017
Willow Street location opens
Celebrating 15 years!

2019
Readers to Leaders

2020
2021
RISE Program
Completely online for COVID

2022
Bishop Woods location opens
NEW HAVEN READS CELEBRATED OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH 250 ATTENDEES IN APRIL 2023

The highlight of our anniversary celebration was the speech from Josh Barber, one of our very first NHR students back in 2002. At the time, Josh was living in a New Haven homeless shelter, the eldest of ten. His mom found the Book Bank and connected with our Founder, Christine Alexander, for reading help for her children. Josh recalls how Chris would make sure she had books about marine biology for him when he came to the Book Bank and he recognizes that NHR was an important stepping stone in his personal journey. Today, he is a graduate of Wheaton College and Columbia University and is the Senior Manager of Aquatic and Reptilian Life at Columbia University.

“[New Haven Reads] had a lasting impact on me and my life. [For the volunteers in the audience], you may not know what happens to the people you tutor. You may never see them again...but you do have a lasting impact on each and every student.”

– JOSH

SINCE 2001, WE HAVE:

Served over 7,000 students
Worked with over 10,000 volunteers
Distributed over 2.5 million books

Thank you to thousands of people who have contributed to NHR to help build a community of readers since 2001

NHR honored three Literacy Champions for their contributions to state-wide literacy initiatives:

- Margie Gillis, Founder and President, Literacy How
- Kim Healey, Retired Executive Director, NewAlliance Foundation
- Senator Gary Winfield, State Senator, CT District 10

NHR honored six Literacy Heroes for their passion for our mission:

- Claire Criscuolo, East Rock Magnet School Team
- Cindy Kissin, Seedlings Foundation
- The Study at Yale
- Yale University
- NHR Staff, Board & Volunteers

< Watch our Anniversary Video
Because of you, our aspiring readers are meeting and exceeding their goals! Thank you!

As a donor, you enable NHR to transform lives. Thank you for your generous support!

July 2022 to June 2023

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City of New Haven
Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
Fovea Foundation
Roger Ibbotson
Nellie Mae Education Foundation
NewAlliance Foundation
New Haven Board of Education
Seedlings Foundation
Ted and Jenny Snyder
State of CT
Seedlings Foundation

$10,000 TO $24,999
Bruce Alexander
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The Baupost Group
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Carlson Family Foundation
Pierre Cremieux and Denise Jarvinen

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Linda Lorimer
Eichlin Foundation
The Eder Family Foundation Inc.
State of CT
$5,000 TO $9,999
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Cambia Hospital
The David and Lucille Packard Foundation
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The Study at Yale
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2021-2022 AUDITED FINANCIALS

Annual cost to run New Haven Reads: $1,013,629

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REVENUE 2021/22

EXPENSES 2021/22

Because of space constraints, we are unable to print all of the names. A full list is in our website.

We made every effort to verify the names and dollar amounts. Please excuse any mistakes and please let us know.

Thank you to our staff and all of our volunteers who work so hard to build a community of readers.
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