Student Assessment Show Amazing Results!

What a school year it has been! With 397 students in the tutoring program and 24 in the Pre-K/Kindergarten program, New Haven Reads has been buzzing. Huge thanks to our amazing staff and volunteers for their incredible work this year.

Students grades 1-3 are assessed with Consortium on Read Excellence (CORE) test in the fall and in the spring. **Our assessment results demonstrated 98% of our students increased their literacy scores!** And a **whopping 91% of our students improved their reading comprehension scores.** Over 50% of students improved their reading level by at least one complete grade level. We are so proud of our students’ hard work to make such tremendous progress *in only seven months*.

Our older student testing assesses specific skills including spelling and oral reading fluency. We are proud to share that 93% of our students showed improvement in spelling and 87% of our students increased their words per minute oral reading performance. These critical skills support our students as they are faced with more complex literacy demands.

Our focus now turns to summer program where we will be welcoming at least 200 students for six weeks of tutoring, enrichment clubs, and fun! We want to ensure that they maintain these great strides and are ready to continue their success this fall.

Our students told us what they love about NHR!

“New Haven Reads helps me be a better person.”

“I can learn and I can get better grades.”

“Everything! Especially reading!”

“Being able to learn new things.”

“I love that I get to read all my favorite books.”

“That I get to hang out with my tutor.”
NHTI students making incredible progress.

As the lead literacy organization in the New Haven Tutoring Initiative (NHTI), New Haven Reads is providing the resources, structure and training to nine after school partner organizations. We assist and support staff and volunteers in how to implement effective reading instruction to the 600+ students who attend their programs. Our Literacy Instructors visit each community partner at least weekly to support their programs and students.

“The incredible progress students are making is a result of the commitment and hard work of our partner organizations. They understand the urgency of the literacy crisis in New Haven and have used it as a call to action. Everyone is working incredibly hard to effect change and support the work of the New Haven Public Schools. It’s amazing to watch!” said Kirsten Levinsohn, NHR Executive Director.

NHTI Literacy Co-Director, Christine Kirschenbaum affirms, “Not only are we seeing tremendous growth in students, we are also hearing from partners that their staff and tutors are utilizing the skills they are learning through NHTI to help themselves, their siblings, children and grandchildren become better readers. We couldn't ask for a better way to positively impact the community.

Community Partner, Upon This Rock, shared that one of their students has increased his reading level by THREE grade levels! NHR is proud to participate in this amazing community initiative, and we look forward to further success.

If you can read this, you can be a volunteer tutor!

Our six-week summer session is a great way to try out volunteering at NHR!

We ask for the commitment of one hour per week and we provide all the support and training needed for a successful summer! We have students waiting for a tutor – are they waiting for you?

Head to our website to learn more and apply!
Strong Student/Tutor relationships are the bedrock of our success!

Fair Haven School third grader, Jeyden, loves to meet with his tutor, Jake, twice a week after school. They have bonded over their mutual love of art and design, but their conversations cover a multitude of topics. Jeyden reports that his reading is improving, and he is enthusiastic about his New Haven Reads experience: “I love it! I get better at reading and writing, and we get to work together and read books.”

Jake tutors other NHR students and shared that he was not a big fan of reading growing up yet he was able to learn and thrive. “Since reading is the most important foundational skill for one’s cognitive development and for doing anything in the world,” he said. “Helping others who may have been like me, but in less fortunate circumstances, is an important endeavor to undertake for the betterment of the New Haven community and world at large.”

Jeyden and Jake are just one of our incredible tutoring pairs who demonstrate the amazing power of the one-on-one tutoring relationship.

NHR by the numbers

Working with 421 students at 5 locations plus online every week for 577 hours of programs every week.

Thank you to over 350 volunteers!

Supporting 24 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students with targeted early literacy programs.

We distributed almost 7,000 books in May!
Have you seen NHR at your local event?

We are so glad to have the opportunity to connect with the wider Greater New Haven community. We were honored to participate in the recent Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade and gave away nearly 1,000 books to children along the parade route! If you see us at an event this summer, be sure to come over and say hello!

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