

# NHR is celebrating 25 years - thanks to you!



For a quarter of a century, New Haven Reads has been dedicated to helping children and families in Greater New Haven unlock the joy and power of reading.

What began as a simple initiative has grown into a movement. Together, we have built something extraordinary!

## Since 2001...

3 million books

10,000 students

14,000 volunteers

Thousands of children have walked into New Haven Reads and toward a brighter future.

## Meet Bryson



Bryson's mom, Pamela shared, "When I realized my son needed real help in reading, my best friends suggested New Haven Reads." Pamela was concerned because Bryson struggled in comprehension and decoding words. His reading scores were consistently 1 out of a possible 4. One year later, Bryson's reading scores are now all 4s! Pamela told us, "We could not be here without the dedication of New Haven Reads! Everyone in that building helped Bryson. Thank you for this program! Thank you for helping me to keep my son from falling between the cracks!"

One of our Science Park students, Ariana, has shown huge dedication to enhancing her literacy skills, moving through levels within the Whole Phonics workbook series with enthusiasm. The results of her hard work are nothing short of fantastic—not only in her reading accuracy but also in her growing confidence. Her consistent effort has yielded fantastic, measurable results, proving that dedication leads to success. We are incredibly proud of her achievements and look forward to seeing her continue to soar!

## Meet Ariana

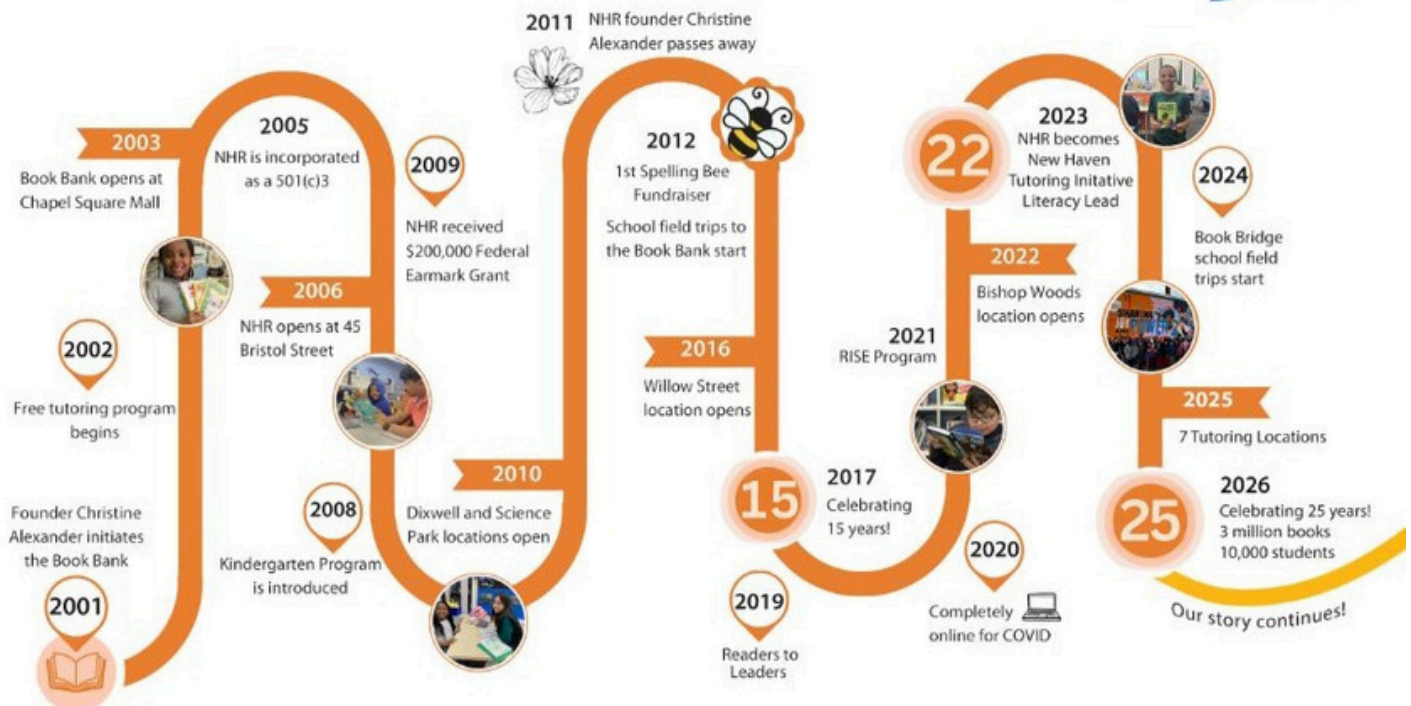
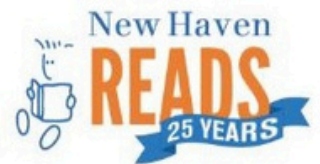


## Meet Jailene



Science Park Site Director, Jailene Garzon, has some special knowledge about the tutoring program! As a program alumna, Jailene's journey with us came full circle when she returned as a college intern, bringing her firsthand experience back to support the next generation. Now serving as a dedicated staff member, Jailene brings passion and empathy to 140 students every week. She is fostering a supportive environment that she once experienced as a student herself.

# A New Haven for Reading: Our Journey Over 25 Years



# Building brighter futures in New Haven

We believe every student deserves to be a confident reader.

This year, we've taken literacy to the heart of New Haven by:

- **Fueling Success:** Providing 605 hours of personalized, one-on-one tutoring every week across 7 locations, empowering 439 students to succeed.
- **Expanding Access:** Delivering vital literacy support to 400+ additional students through reading programs in partnership with community organizations.
- **Building Home Libraries:** Welcoming 2,000 students to our Book Bank for field trips, and delivering books to 35 classrooms (twice a year) for students who cannot visit us.
- **Nurturing Young Minds:** Engaging our youngest readers through specialized Pre-K and Kindergarten programming to build a strong foundation for lifelong learning.



Watch our new  
impact video!



# Our 25th anniversary celebration was a special night of community and connection!

What a night! Our sold out celebration brought together our incredible community to reflect on 25 years of impact.

New Haven Mayor, Justin Elicker, read a proclamation in honor of our special milestone. We are deeply grateful to everyone who attended and our dedicated sponsors.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our story so far!



## Our impact starts with you!

Whether you have given your time, made a gift, donated books, or shared our story in the last 25 years, you are part of New Haven Reads and our success. Thank you!