

NHPS Vision: Every student from every neighborhood in New Haven deserves a great school, great teachers, and a great education. Period. In the New Haven Public Schools we strive to engage students, staff, parents and the community in our mission of launching all students to success in college, career, and life.

NHFPL Vision: The New Haven Free Public Library is a community treasure focused on creating experiences for all ages that support cultural connections, economic engagement, lifelong learning, and young minds. The Library will serve as a powerful force as we create strong neighborhoods, acknowledge the academic success of every school child, and help the city become a job generator.

The New Haven Free Public Library (NHFPL) and the New Haven Public Schools (NHPS) are poised to deepen and formalize their collaboration based on the intersection of the vision of the NHPS and the NHFPL.

New Haven School Change serves as the framework to strengthen the Library's contributions and align them with the six pillars of *School Change 2.0.10*: (1) Academic Learning; (2) Social, Emotional & Physical Growth; (3) Talented Educators; (4) Portfolio of Schools; (5) Youth, Family and Community; (6) Resource Stewardship. The NHFPL will build on its existing productive relations with the NHPS to accelerate achievement of student success goals across all grade levels.

Hallmarks of our existing partnership include:

- The Mayor serves *ex-officio* on the NHFPL Board of Directors and appoints its members who currently include the NHPS Chief of Staff and the Director of Instruction.
- All NHPS schools are clustered by library service district with one of the five NHFPL library facilities. The NHFPL further promotes all of its online resources, constituting a 24/7 digital branch, to all NHPS students, parents, and teachers.
- In 2013 NHFPL instituted a teacher card for NHPS instructors with special privileges, including the ability to check out more than 30 books; a 6-week loan period; access to all databases by the instructor; and absence of fines with billing confined only to items 60 days past due.
- Librarians put together resource lists; provide materials on topic requested by teachers; facilitate check-out of books for classroom use; and provide special library cards to non-New Haven residents who attend New Haven public schools.
- The NHFPL Readmobile travels to early learning centers and selected school sites underserved by a public and/or school library facility.
- NHFPL librarians participate in major events at the NHPS including family nights, staff meetings, summer reading launch, report card nights, PTO meetings and open houses.
- The NHFPL has established relationships and regular communication with NHPS school media specialists about resources, services, classroom and library visits, including an annual workshop for librarians to meet with school media specialists by cluster.
- NHFPL and NHPS consult on summer reading programs, particularly the READY for the Grade summer slide prevention initiative, which includes NHPS staffing.
- NHPS and NHFPL collaborate on Saturday Academies through connected learning and public library card distribution, effective January 2016.

The New Haven Free Public Library strengthens its partnership with the New Haven Public Schools through the *School Change* initiative to achieve education success.

Pillars	School Change Goals	NHFPL Programs	ConnectED	NHFPL Resources
Academic Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Grade-level reading •Play-based learning for young students •Middle grade instruction for strong high school transitions •Post-secondary readiness for high school students & mastery-based learning experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Summer Learning Program •REAdy for the Grade summer slide prevention program •Homework Zone •Early literacy programming •Makerspace programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •UniCard •Open eBooks app •Provide class and/or Readmobile visits •Unified summer reading program •Shared content licenses and access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Print & online books aligned to curricular goals & for independent pleasure reading •Databases focused on science, history, social studies, math, standardized testing & test prep, foreign languages, literature, the arts, early literacy •Special children’s collections in Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, & Japanese •Computers, laptops, tablets, internet & wifi access, printing, 3D printing, AWE stations, BookPacks, Launchpads
Social Emotional & Physical Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Expand restorative social emotional programs through redesign of protocols •Implement social emotional learning standards with students and families •Increase mental health services •Provide instruction in health & wellness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Exercise, nutrition, & wellness programs throughout year •Teen Advisory Board •Collaborative programs with community organizations •Public service library staff certified in Mental Health First Aid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Collaboration on after school programs •Team building •Consultation on disengaged teens •Participation in YouthStat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Curated homework help resources & dedicated Homework Zones at each branch •State-of-the-art Teen Center •Readmobile •Tutor rooms & trusted third places •Teacher library cards with extended privileges
Talented Educators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recruit strong & diverse staff •Provide professional learning opportunities •Offer meaningful career opportunities •Strengthen staff attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Library media specialists workshops •Presentations at teacher meetings •Professional learning tools such as <i>Lynda.com</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Annual library media specialist workshop •Shared professional learning and training opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Curated homework help resources & dedicated Homework Zones at each branch •State-of-the-art Teen Center •Readmobile •Tutor rooms & trusted third places •Teacher library cards with extended privileges
Portfolio of Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Develop school improvement planning •Provide continuous personalized support •Support school redesign innovation efforts •Redesign alternative schools & programs •Reinvent disciplinary homebound instruction •Provide extended learning & enrichment •Identify innovative best practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Readmobile •After school & vacation programs •Family research days •Connected learning strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Share student data •Develop programs to bring students to library for intensive library user training •Consult on branch library renovations & service design •Connected learning and enrichment with Saturday Academies and other NHPS priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tutor rooms & trusted third places •Teacher library cards with extended privileges •Student library cards with access for out-of-town students •Family learning & parenting resources & workshops •Hi-speed broadband internet access and wifi at all NHFPL sites •Dedicated Young Minds librarians
Youth, Family & Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Improve attendance •Expand opportunities for student mentorship •Improve family communication •Improve enrollment processes, & student mobility •Address student mobility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pre-K & Kindergarten transition workshops •Mentor <i>Youth @ Work</i> interns & high school volunteers •Family learning programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mayor’s campaign for New Haven as “The City that Reads” •Monthly library newsletter •Software tracking tools for high school volunteer service •NEA Big Read proposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Student library cards with access for out-of-town students •Family learning & parenting resources & workshops •Hi-speed broadband internet access and wifi at all NHFPL sites •Dedicated Young Minds librarians
Resource Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Invest our financial resources •Design and implement transparent funding •Submit competitive applications annually •Launch new school capital plan •Increase technology investments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NHPS schools clustered by NHFPL branch library service zone •Neighborhood library expanded services •STEAM programming •Makerspace program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Shared IT planning & content platforms •High-speed broadband internet access & devices •Joint grant applications •Shared outcome metrics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dedicated Young Minds librarians

The New Haven Free Public Library “UniCard”

This program will effect 21,500 students & their families, as well as 1,880 teachers throughout the City of New Haven.

Goals	Steps	How To
1. 100% UniCard enrollment by New Haven Public School students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Saturday Academies at NHPS sites • 10 High Schools • 5 Transitional Schools & 1 Adult Education Center & Continuing Education Center • 32 Elementary Schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorandum of Understanding between the NHFPL & NHPS • Branding and joint marketing plan • Data-sharing & synchronizing • Virtual library card using school– or state-issued student ID number
2. 100% UniCard enrollment by teachers in the New Haven Public School system		
3. Increase student & family awareness of resources & services available through the UniCard with the New Haven Free Public Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media promotion • Class visits to library & Readmobile and library staff visits to school • Monthly library newsletter • Media specialist workshops 	

How the UniCard Works

UniCard will be created for all public school students as pledged through the ConnectED Library Challenge. The UniCard is a virtual card that uses the student’s NHPS (or CT State issued) ID to access public library resources. It will include all online materials and three book check outs with amnesty on any fines. The UniCard is active for the duration of a student’s tenure in the NHPS and does not expire until the student matriculates from high school. The UniCard can be activated as a full service NHFPL card on site with parental signature.

Anticipated Speedbumps

While in its early stages, UniCard presents the following challenges for its full development and implementation:

- Implementing a Memorandum of Understanding between NHFPL and NHPS to serve as a roadmap for deeper systematic collaboration
- Devising effective data exchange and transfer methods between the NHPS and the NHFPL to establish the UniCard
- Working with database vendors and the Open eBooks initiative to ensure universal access to e-resources
- Harmonizing outcome-based metrics and resolving privacy issues to effectively evaluate the success of programmatic initiatives
- Increasing hours of operation at NHFPL four branch libraries so they are open all weekdays as well as Saturdays for after school and homework zone programs
- Bolstering NHFPL staffing to better meet the needs of high school level students
- Facilitating one-stop discovery through single search systems across NHFPL and NHPS library resources
- Equitable access to library resources and services in neighborhoods where there is no public library branch and/or lacking a school media center

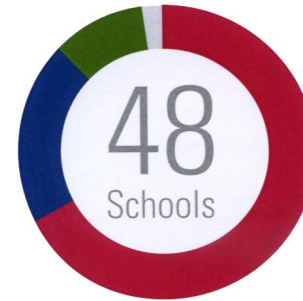
New Haven Free Public Library Snapshot

The New Haven Free Public Library was established by City Charter in 1886. The constellation of NHFPL today comprises the Ives Memorial Library located on the historic New Haven Green; four neighborhood libraries located on New Haven’s “main streets” across the city; a 24/7 digital branch; and a Readmobile that circulates to early learning centers and sites without a public and/or school library facility.

A department of the City of New Haven, the NHFPL is governed by a Board of Directors on which the Mayor serves *ex-officio* and to which she appoints nine members—all New Haven residents. The current board includes the New Haven Public School’s Chief of Staff and the Director of Instruction as well as an Aldermanic representative, local higher education leadership and key community advocacy organizations.

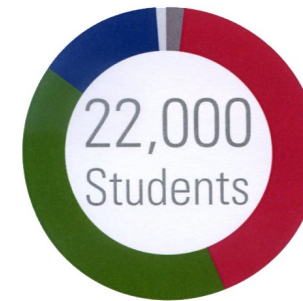
NHFPL welcomes more than 600,000 guests through its doors annually—more than any other cultural organization in the City. It partners with scores of local nonprofits in its programs and services. With a staff of 42 full-time employees, NHFPL offered 2,300 programs attended by nearly 45,000 participants during its 2,752 hours of operation last year. The Library’s budget operating income from the City’s General Fund in FY15 was \$4.1M or about \$32 per resident.

New Haven Public Schools Snapshot



Number of Public Schools

- 32 Elementary and Middle Schools
- 10 High Schools
- 5 Transitional Schools
- 1 Adult & Continuing Education Center



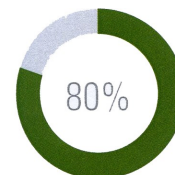
Number of Students

- 42% African American
- 41% Hispanic
- 14% White
- 2% Asian American
- 1% Other

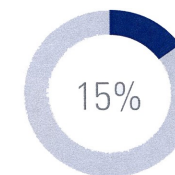


Number of Teachers

550 of our 1,880 teachers have taken on expanded leadership roles to deepen their impact on students



Free/Reduced Lunch
80% of students receive free/reduced lunch



English Language Learner
15% of students are ELL



Office of the Mayor of New Haven's Press Release:

CITY ACCEPTS PRESIDENT OBAMA'S 'CONNECTED LIBRARY CHALLENGE'

(4/29/2015) Mayor Toni N. Harp and New Haven Free Public Library Director Martha Brogan said New Haven has accepted the ConnectED Library Challenge issued by President Obama in Washington. One aspect of the challenge is collaboration among libraries, public schools, publishers, and community groups to increase access among young people to library resources and digital books.

New Haven is one of about 30 American cities to have adopted the challenge. Another goal of the initiative is to ensure every student enrolled in public school has a library card.

"It cannot be overemphasized: learning to read is the gateway to learning about every other subject – we can't learn about history, math, or anything else until we learn how to read," Mayor Harp said. "Early reading improves outcomes for students once they get to primary school, and later on in every other discipline: reading is the gateway to all manner of additional knowledge."

"One of the goals I've identified for New Haven is to make it known as 'the city that reads,' and accepting this challenge is consistent with this objective," Mayor Harp added.

According to a White House press release, major publishers will make more than \$250 million in free eBooks available to qualifying, low-income students in the 31 participating communities. Other commitments from the private sector and federal government will help underwrite efforts to connect 99 percent of American students with high-speed, broadband internet in their classrooms and libraries.

"The ConnectED Library Challenge further strengthens the New Haven Free Public Library's alliance with New Haven Public Schools to bring educational resources to the City's youth inside and outside the classroom," said NHFPL Director Brogan. "We are excited that the City of New Haven has taken up this challenge and will work together with us to provide universal access via our public libraries to electronic and print resources for New Haven youth."

<http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/Mayor/ReadMore.asp?ID=%7BEE38D12D-B436-4AFB-B281-37E9A977B7FC%7D>

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***Mayor Toni Harp, New Haven Public School Superintendent Garth Harries
and City Librarian Martha Brogan Join President Obama's ConnectED Library Challenge!***

NEW HAVEN – On January 19, Mayor Toni Harp, New Haven Public Schools Superintendent Garth Harries and City Librarian Martha Brogan joined more than 90 elected officials, school superintendents and library directors for a White House convening in Washington D.C. to explore ways to improve education outcomes for all children. The *ConnectED Library Challenge: Answering the Call* brought together 45 of the 60 communities that accepted [President Obama's challenge](#) last spring to get a public library card in the hands of every school age child.



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The New Haven leadership team was one of three communities invited to present their strategies for strengthening school and public library collaboration—highlighting ways to advance the goals of [School Change 2.0.10](#) as set forth by Mayor Harp and the New Haven Board of Education. The [New Haven Free Public Library](#) is working together with [New Haven Public Schools](#) to streamline universal distribution of public library cards, increase shared access to print and electronic resources, and develop common technology platforms and toolkits, including expanded high-speed broadband internet access any time, any place—spanning schools, libraries and homes.

Currently about half of New Haven school age children have public library cards: the *ConnectED Library Challenge* will double that number to more than 22,000 cardholders. A recent [Pew Research Center national study](#) reports that 85% of the American public thinks that public libraries should coordinate more closely with local schools in providing resources to kids. Similarly the importance of public libraries in offering free early literacy programs to help young children prepare for school received 85% endorsement in the Pew study.

The White House event was carried out jointly by the [Urban Libraries Council](#), the [Institute of Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\)](#), [American Library Association \(ALA\)](#) and the [White House](#). The ConnectED organizers will prepare and widely distribute a national report to highlight outcomes from the January 19 meeting and will develop a strategy for inviting more communities to join the Challenge.

Social media coverage of this initiative continues at #LibrariesForAll. A video-recording of the 4-hour morning sessions, including New Haven’s presentation, is accessible from <https://www.whitehouse.gov/live/connected-library-challenge-convening> (with New Haven at 2:22:10 to 2:39:30).



About the New Haven Free Public Library

The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes more than 620,000 library patrons through its doors each year. The library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, 24/7 online services, the ReadMobile bringing books to early childhood learning centers, and four neighborhood libraries: Fair Haven, Mitchell, Wilson and Stetson.

The New Haven Free Public Library’s mission is to ensure all New Haven’s citizens have full and unlimited access to information and knowledge so that they may meet the needs of daily living, have opportunities for self-education, and participate successfully in self-government.