



Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

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<h2>SUMMER LEARNING</h2> <p><i>for Kids & Parents</i></p>	
Visit your local library to stock up on free high-interest books.	Ensure that your child reads at least 20 minutes each day- independently or together.
Hold them accountable for completing any summer practice work sent home from school.	Try to limit screen-time throughout the day.
Practice fast math facts when you're out running errands.	Allow your child to read in unique, fun areas: such as under a table, in an empty bathtub, or at the park.
Have your child write for 5-10 minutes each morning. Let them choose any topic they want!	Turn down the radio in the car and talk about things you see. Practice vocabulary.



Funding Opportunity

United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut is pleased to announce a funding opportunity to support a regional marketing/communications plan and public awareness campaign that increases each communities' ability to achieve their goals around children reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

With generous support from the Fund for Greater Hartford, United Way will provide mini-grants of up to \$1,500 to select organizations who have the interest and demonstrated ability to assist with the first quarter of community outreach and neighborhood canvassing.

Outreach activities will occur approximately quarterly beginning in June 2019.

Please direct questions to Latonia Tabb at ltabb@unitedwayinc.org.

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Keep Kids Learning

It's not too soon to start planning for summer. Summer is a wonderful time for students to participate in a program that gives them new experiences, develops new friendships and reinforces skills learned during the school year to support year-round learning.

Explore summer learning opportunities:

- [United Way 2-1-1](#)
- [Hartford Foundation for Public Giving 2019 Summer Directory](#)

- [Hartford Public Schools](#)

Discover free literacy opportunities:

- [Hartford Public Library Summer Learning Program](#)
- [New Britain Public Library](#)
- [ConneCT Kids – Connecticut’s Website for Children](#)



Welcome to Kindergarten

Do you know any children who are turning five-years-old by January 1, 2020, who are not yet enrolled for kindergarten? Do you know families that want to learn more about kindergarten? Please share information about these events:

Hartford Public Schools: Kick-off to Kindergarten Fair!

May 1, 2019 | 4:30-7:00 p.m. | Global Communications Academy | 85 Edwards Street, Hartford

[Learn More](#)

Consolidated School District of New Britain: Kindergarten Information Nights

Join an informational event to help parents and guardians of children entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2019 to prepare for this transition. There will be a presentation, opportunity for questions, excellent resources and information to take home.

- May 6, 5:30-7:00 p.m. | Early Learning Program | 2185 East Street, New Britain
- May 9, 4:30-6:00 p.m. | HRA | 180 Clinton Street, New Britain
- June 5, 4:30-6:00 p.m. | New Britain Public Library | 20 High Street, New Britain
- June 6, 5:00-6:30 p.m. | YWCA | 19 Franklin Square, New Britain

For more information, contact Maegan Adams at adamsm@csdnb.org or 860.827.2242.

Get Involved

United Way Day of Action – In partnership with End Hunger Connecticut! Hartford Public Library, Hartford Public Schools and the City of Hartford, we'll focus on helping families in Hartford access nutritious summer meals and engaging children in summer learning.

Mark your calendars for June 21 at Rawson Elementary School from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

If you're interested in being a volunteer or vendor, please email Phil Blonski at pblonski@unitedwayinc.org.

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Other Volunteer Opportunities

- [Coalition for New Britain's Youth](#)
- [United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut](#)

To learn more or share ideas for future newsletters, contact Latonia Tabb, Senior Manager, Education Initiatives, United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut at 860-493-1128 or ltabb@unitedwayinc.org.

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With support from individuals, workplaces and grants, United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut has provided resources – including financial contributions and volunteers – to local community-based organizations since 1924. We mobilize the people and the resources needed to support programs and initiatives that create lasting solutions for the complex issues facing children and families in the region; such as the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (CGLR).

The Coalition for New Britain's Youth is a citywide collaborative committed to improving the lives of New Britain's youth, birth through age 24, and working to ensure they have what they need to be successful in school, career, and life.

Nationally the CGLR is a partnership between schools, municipalities, businesses and community organizations to rally behind a coordinated effort to ensure all youth are reading on grade level by the end of third grade, a critical milestone and predictor of on-time high school graduation.



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