

EPISODE **126**

Creating a Book Club Culture at Home (Part 2)

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In This Episode

This is the second part of a Read-Aloud Revival Master Class all about helping our kids truly love books, by treating their reading more how we treat our own.

Sarah discusses replacing book reports and worksheets with something better, and how to make literary analysis happen without killing the magic of the book itself.

This is the second half of this master class. Listen to the first half [here](#).



The Listening Guide

Use this guide to skip to parts that most interest you, or listen to the entire podcast.

- **3:05** Reading readiness
- **6:03** Welcome to book club
- **9:11** If we started treating our children's reading lives differently ...
- **11:23** 3 Components in book club culture
- **12:29** Protecting time
- **18:44** Put books face out
- **19:30** A haven for reading
- **20:56** Book conversations
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- **28:39** Make a warm space for reading
- **31:34** The goal is to enjoy the story
- **33:24** For kids in traditional classes
- **35:46** Literary analysis
- **40:01** Concentric circles instead of ladder rungs
- **41:07** Let the Kids Speak

“We want reading to feel cozy like comfort food. We want it to feel like chicken and mashed potatoes on a dark wintry night.” - Sarah Mackenzie



Quotes and Questions

* **Schooling the love of reading out of children ...**

"We literally school the love of reading right out of our kids, and then we worry because they aren't taken up with the voracious love of literature and a burning desire to enjoy reading for pleasure."

* **Growing 'real readers'**

"Real readers enjoy books that pique their interest and curiosity. They talk about them with friends."

* **Schedule the time, not the titles.**

"The key is to schedule the time for reading, and to save that space around it, and not worry too much about the exact titles that your kids are reading."

* **Casual, normal, organic ...**

"What you want to do is even with your very smallest children, as they grow, you want it just to be completely normal that you talk about books regularly. It's a casual, normal, organic part of your family conversation, and then as they grow and they become older kids and teens, then those conversations can continue to be an organic and normal part of the conversation. That's huge."

* **Connection and delight.**

"Just have fun together and remember connection and delight, because those two things are gonna make your child a reader when they leave your home."



Show Notes

Books from today's episode:

- My Side of the Mountain
- The Magic Tree House series
- Owl Moon
- All the Light We Cannot See
- Tops and Bottoms
- Okay For Now
- American Tall Tales
- Locomotive
- Richard Scarry books
- I'm Just No Good at Rhyming
- Where's Waldo?

Other links from today's show:

- Join us in Membership! Go to RARmembership.com, and request an invite for when membership opens May 6 - May 10
- All About Learning Press Reading Readiness
- RAR #104: Put Those Books Face Out

To find more resources to help you build your family culture around books, visit ReadAloudRevival.com.