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# Introducing Kids to Foreign Languages Through Reading Aloud

Guest: Anne Guarnera

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## Meet Anne Guarnera



Anne Guarnera has a PhD in Spanish, and two sons whom she is educating bilingually in their home in Washington D.C.

She runs the site [Language Learning at Home](#).

## In This Episode

Anne and Sarah discuss how books can help kids (and adults) learn a new language. Anne shares the ways that learning a new language can broaden our perspective and recommends resources for getting started!

## The Listening Guide

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

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I want my kids to feel “at home” in both languages ... so that they can befriend people from many different cultures around the world. It is my hope that their experience of language learning and cultural education will give them a

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rich understanding of our beautiful, diverse world, and a humble desire to learn from and serve others. - Anne Guarnera



## Quotes and Questions

### \* **All the same benefits ...**

“In terms of language learning, reading aloud in a foreign language offers all of the same benefits that you would get from reading aloud in a child’s native language.”

### \* **‘A whole range of emotions.’**

“When our kids learn other languages and learn to relate to the world through other languages they’re getting access to a whole range of emotions and experiences that they otherwise wouldn’t have known if they were to remain speakers of only one language.”

### \* **The best way to learn ...**

“The best way to learn vocabulary in foreign language is to connect new words to images.”

Anne suggests board books and picture books as great resources!

## Show Notes

### Books from today's episode:

- [Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?](#)
- [Magic Tree House Books](#)
- [Go, Dog. Go!](#)
- [Corre, Perro. Corre!](#)
- [Oso Pardo, Oso Pardo, Que Ves Ahi?](#)
- [De Colores](#)
- [Love You Forever](#)
- [Harold and the Purple Crayon](#)
- [Navidad in Camelot](#)
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### Other links from today's show:

- [Order The Read-Aloud Family](#) now anywhere books are sold
- Get the [audio version of The Read-Aloud Family](#) (read by Sarah Mackenzie) right here
- Get the booklist! Text BOOKS to 345345 or head to [readaloudrevival.com](http://readaloudrevival.com)
- Use the hashtag #readaloudfamily to share photos on social media
- [Language Learning At Home](#)
- [Anne's Free Resource Library](#)
- [One Tip for Finding Foreign Language Children's Books](#) (Buying directly from publishers)
- [Anne's Twitter](#)
- [Anne's Facebook](#)

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- [Language Learning at Home Community](#)
- [RAR #83: Why Read Picture Books with Older Kids](#)
- [The International Children's Digital Library](#)
- [RAR #65: How to Best Use and Support Your Local Library](#)

To find more resources to help you build your family culture around books, visit [ReadAloudRevival.com](http://ReadAloudRevival.com).