



EPISODE **125**

# **Mast Class Part 1: Creating a Book Club Culture**

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## In This Episode

Sarah shares a master class about creating a book club culture in your home.

She discusses the importance of targeting WHY we want to raise readers, how to nurture and protect a love of reading and how to make reading the treat, not the vegetables for our kids.



## The Listening Guide

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

- 1:14 Schooling a love of reading out of our kids
- 5:15 When our kids drop books half-way
- 8:17 Creating a haven of reading
- 9:57 A better option
- 11:55 A love of reading
- 16:11 WHY we want to raise readers
- 17:58 In Sarah's home
- 21:57 What IS your child voracious about (burgers?)
- 23:43 Reading is the icing
- 26:29 Know your goal
- 27:27 If your child doesn't like a book
- 28:54 Emphasize delight
- 32:50 Let the Kids Speak

"We don't want reading to be the vegetables like, 'Eat your vegetables, and you can have dessert.' The reading is the dessert, right?" - Sarah Mackenzie



## Quotes and Questions

### \* **Schooled out of them ...**

"Usually when we have kids who don't love reading, it's because a love of stories and books have been schooled out of them."

### \* **No advantage.**

"The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read." - Mark Twain

### \* **The messages we send ...**

"What kind of messages are we sending to our kids where they go from being a five- or six-year-old child who just loves stories and loves books and can't get enough of them to high schoolers who feel like reading is something to be checked off, something to be done?"

### \* **Straight teeth and trumpet lessons ...**

"Why are we so determined to teach our children to read? So that they can read road signs? Of course. Make out a job application? Of course. Figure out the destination of the bus so that they can get to work? Yes, of course. But don't we want for them far more than the ability to decode? Don't we want for them the life and growth and refreshment that only the full richness of our language can give? What good are straight teeth and trumpet lessons to a person who cannot see the grandeur that the world is charged with?" - Katherine Paterson

### \* **The heart of the reading life ...**

"If we remember that importance of delight, then we will have an easier time setting up a book club culture in our home because we will remember that our children loving reading is not just a benefit or a bonus, it's the heart of the reading life."



## Show Notes

### Books from today's episode:

- Little House in the Big Woods
- Don Quixote
- The Count of Monte Cristo
- Pride and Prejudice
- The Read-Aloud Handbook
- Teaching from Rest
- The Pleasures of Reading in an Age of Distraction
- The Great Gilly Hopkins
- Jacob Have I Loved
- The Read-Aloud Family
- Bridge to Terabithia
- The Ballad of the White Horse

### Other links from today's show:

- Join us in Membership! Go to [RARmembership.com](http://RARmembership.com), and request an invite for when membership opens May 6 - May 10
- [RAR #43: Raising Kids Who Read, Dr. Daniel Willingham](#)
- <https://readaloudrevival.com/46-2/>

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