

EPISODE **131**

Books About the Moon Landing

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In This Episode

This special episode is all about helping your kids read about and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. Sarah shares several favorite moon-themed books and encourages us to read them to kids of all ages!



The Listening Guide

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

- 2:34 Get the monthly book lists
- 3:47 Helping libraries connect with RAR
- 7:02 Circles, not a ladder
- 10:00 Getting older kids to read picture books
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- 24:51 Let the Kids Speak

"We all know that reading aloud is its own skill. The more you read aloud, the better you get at it. It's the skill of elocution, of speaking clearly, of knowing the tone, and cadence, and rhythm of reading out loud, and the more you practice, the better you are at it. A child who reads aloud regularly to their siblings, or friends, or family members, they're going to be better speakers and oral communicators than kids who are not reading aloud." - Sarah Mackenzie



Quotes and Questions

* An art form ...

“**Picture books are a condensed and beautiful kind of art form.** They take what could otherwise be contained in a much longer book, much longer narrative, and they condense it to its most essential bits, told in oftentimes lyrical, beautiful text, many times like poetry. They pair that with beautiful visuals. ... Picture books are not just for little kids, picture books are an art form.”

* The value of back matter ...

"With a lot of picture books, especially picture books that are based on something real that happened in history, **back matter can be a launching point for a lot of information.** (Authors) oftentimes will tell us where they got their research, or interesting tidbits about their research experience, and in general, I just think back matter is rich for if you're really wanting to deep dive into a topic ..."

* What did it take to land men on the moon?

Did you know that more than 400,000 people helped to put the first man on the moon?

Talk to your kids about the various jobs people needed to do to make one historical event happen! From engineers, to mechanics, to seamstresses, to the janitors who kept up the buildings, so many people gave their time and expertise so that the moon landing could occur.



Show Notes

Books from today's episode:

- Moonshot
- Papa Put a Man on the Moon
- Marty's Mission
- Team Moon
- A Kite for Moon
- Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon

Other links from today's show:

- Get the booklist! Text BOOKS to 345345 or go to rarbooklist.com
- Get a library display kit
- RAR #103: Excellent Nonfiction Picture Books, Gail Gibbons

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