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Brighten Your Children's Future: Author to Speak Oct 21 on New Book: 'How to Raise a Reader'

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Darien Library hosts a public interview with Pamela Paul, editor of the *New York Times Book Review* and co-author of the new book [How To Raise a Reader](#). There will be an author signing after the event.

—[an announcement](#) from *Darien Library and the YWCA Darien/Norwalk*

The event takes place from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 21 in the Community Room at Darien Library.

Books will be available for purchase courtesy of [Barrett Bookstore](#). Refreshments will be served.

About the Book

In a world where so much is competing for a child's attention, how do you raise a reader? It's an accepted fact that reading is crucial for kids.

Study after study shows that babies and toddlers thrive intellectually and emotionally when they're read to and that books help children of every age expand their language skills and comprehension of the world, boost

their critical thinking and imagination, build empathy, and strengthen bonds with caregivers.

At the same time, reading can be a source of stress for parents:

- Which books should I read to my baby, and how early?
- Is my child reading soon enough, fast enough, in an advanced enough way?
- How can I teach my child to prioritize books over screens?
- What's the best way to use reading to give kids a 'head start' in today's competitive landscape?
- With everything else going on, how can I help my child carve out the time to dive headlong into a book?
- Is it too late to get a teenager into reading?

Written by two women who not only live and work in the world of books but are mothers of three children each (all of them very different kinds of readers), *How to Raise a Reader* provides insider know-how to parents searching for the tools to instill a lifelong love of reading in their children, setting them up for success in the larger world.

School is where children learn how to read. Home is where they can learn to love reading.

SEE ALSO: [New Book Club Formed in Darien for Parents About Parenting \(Oct. 3\)](#)

About the Author

Pamela Paul is the editor of the *New York Times Book Review* and oversees books coverage at *The New York Times*, which she joined in 2011 as the children's books editor. She is also the host of the weekly *Book Reviews* podcast for the *Times*.

She is the author and editor of five books, most recently, *My Life with Bob: Flawed Heroine Keeps Book of Books, Plot Ensues*.

Her work has appeared in the *Atlantic*, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times Magazine*, the *New York Times Education Life*, the *Economist*, *Vogue*, *Psychology Today*, and other national publications.

Darien Library is proud to co-sponsor this event with the YWCA Darien/Norwalk.