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Weekly Public Affairs Program

Show # 2019-38

Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

1. **Maria Russo**, Children's Books Editor of the New York Times Book Review, co-author of *"How to Raise A Reader"*

Ms. Russo explained the importance of child literacy, and the steps parents can take to raise a reader in an age when screens are competing for a child's attention. She said any form of book is fine, including audio books, graphic novels and comic books. She explained why it is important to begin reading to children at the youngest age possible, and offered ideas on how to engage a reluctant reader.

Issues covered:

Length: 9:22

Literacy
Parenting
Education

2. **Barbara Hemphill**, founder of The Productive Environment Institute, former President of the National Association of Productivity & Organizing Professionals, author of the *"Taming the Paper Tiger"* book series by Kiplinger's, and the more recent book is *"Less Clutter, More Life."*

A recent study found that business owners, executives and entrepreneurs waste 21.8 hours a week on everything from internet surfing to useless meetings. Ms. Hemphill said the biggest productivity black hole for anyone is e-mail. She outlined the reasons that people lose focus at work and steps they can take to be less distracted.

Issues covered:

Length: 8:01

Workplace Matters
Productivity

3. **Rebecca Bigler, PhD**, Professor Emeritx at the University of Texas at Austin

Prof. Bigler was part of a team of researchers that sought to learn more about the political development of the nation's children. The study found that children demonstrated a surprisingly high level of interest in and knowledge about the most recent presidential election and candidates, but many had gaps in their knowledge. She offered advice for parents to help their children learn more about civics and the election process, particularly heading into the next presidential election.

Issues covered:

Length: 5:11

Civics and Citizenship
Parenting

