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Episode 32

Title: How to Not Raise an iPad Baby

Description:

Our attention spans are... not doing so great these days. With copious amounts of technology, apps, news articles, and social media posts at our fingertips, it makes sense that a lot of people are noticing how much more difficult it is to get into a state of deep reading. On part two of our literacy series, editorial correspondent Teresa Carey speaks with two experts on the subject: Dr. Maryanne Wolf and Dr. Daniel Willingham. They discuss the benefits of reading on both our brains and our culture, especially for kids. Host, Dr. Samantha Yammine also digs into the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic on science communicators and a new probiotic tool that can help save our coral reefs from disease.

Science Communication & COVID-19

- “Fight or flight? - How the coronavirus pandemic has affected scientists’ willingness to engage with the public.” [by Frank Marcinkowski, Hella de Haas, and Sarah Kohler. 2025.](#)
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Dr. Maryanne Wolf and Dr. Daniel Willingham Interview

- “And This Is Your Brain on Books.” [by Kerry Temple. 2022.](#)
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- [Source 3](#)

Coral Probiotics

- “Smithsonian Research Reveals that Probiotics Slow spread of Deadly Disease Decimating Caribbean Reefs.” [by Smithsonian. 2025.](#)
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