

## THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILY IN SHAPING AND DEVELOPING THE CULTURE OF READING

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**Annotation.** The article discusses the role of the family, including parents, in instilling a love for books in children and shaping reading culture from early childhood. It also provides information about the importance of family libraries in the development of children.

**Keywords:** family, book, reading, culture, child, Islam, Quran, hadith.

**Annotatsiya.** Maqolada bolalarda kitobga mehr uyg'otish, kitobxonlik madaniyatini ilk bolalik davridan boshlab shakllantirishda oilaning, jumladan ota-onaning o'rni haqida mulohazalar boradi. Shuningdek, oilaviy kutubxonalarning farzandlar kamolotidagi ahamiyati haqida ma'lumotlar berilgan.

**Kalit so'zlar:** oila, kitob, kitobxonlik, madaniyat, bola, islom, Qur'on, hadis.

**Аннотация.** В статье рассматриваются вопросы роли семьи, в том числе родителей, в формировании любви к книге и культуры чтения у детей, начиная с раннего возраста. Также представлены данные о значении семейных библиотек в развитии детей.

**Ключевые слова:** семья, книга, чтение, культура, ребенок, ислам, Коран, хадис.

### INTRODUCTION

"We have set great goals, such as building the foundation of a third renaissance, for which we need to create an environment and conditions that will educate new Khorezmis, Berunis, Ibn Sinas, Ulughbecks, Navoiys, and Baburs".<sup>1</sup>

Currently, great attention is being paid to the formation of a reading culture, which has an invaluable significance in elevating the spiritual and intellectual potential of the younger generation, their consciousness and worldview, and in educating a well-rounded individual who lives with love and loyalty to their homeland and people.

A book is one of the human products that conveys information about the past, transmits knowledge to future generations, and delivers knowledge about history to the future while encompassing news and information about science. A book enriches human thought and helps individuals find their place in society as mature individuals. Through reading, a person develops and matures as a personality. This helps the young and mature generation to properly find their place in our society. The role of family and society in shaping the reading culture of the younger generation is also invaluable. Just as society begins with the family, the culture of reading also begins within the family. The family is considered to be one of the main factors in forming the culture of reading. Promoting reading within the family, being a good example for the child, and encouraging interest in reading is primarily the responsibility of the parents. If

<sup>1</sup> The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated June 7, 2019, No. PQ-4354 on further improving the information-library service in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

parents read books themselves and explain the importance of reading to their children, it will further enhance the children's interest in books. Additionally, engaging children in reading from an early age, creating a good reading environment for them, recommending books by parents, and organizing reading-related games play a significant role in shaping their reading habits. Parents should set aside special time for reading in their own lives and teach their children to allocate time for reading as well.<sup>2</sup>

### LITERARY ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY

The Resolution No. PQ-3271 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Miromonovich Mirziyoyev dated September 13, 2017, regarding the "Comprehensive Action Program for the Development of the Publishing and Distribution System of Book Products, Enhancement of Reading and Book Culture, and Promotion of Book Reading" was approved. The decree No. PQ 3271 regarding the 'Program of comprehensive measures to develop the system of publishing and distributing book products, to increase the culture of reading and promoting book reading' has been adopted by our President, and the implementation of the tasks outlined in it will serve to increase young people's interest in reading books and develop their creative activity. Starting this work specifically from the family and preschool education organizations will yield positive results.

Providing education to children in the family and at school, and fostering reading habits is based on the belief that knowledge and intellect are the criteria for human perfection, as promoted in the Qur'an and Hadith. In Islam, not only divine knowledge is imparted, but also information about secular sciences such as medicine, psychology, geography, sociology, and others. If a child learns knowledge from a young age, their comprehension improves, and their intellect increases. Knowledge elevates a person and brings them greatness.

Both of them are great because of mankind,

They always lead to justice.

With knowledge, a person can rise above animals.

What is bigger, tell me?!

Thus, Yusuf Khass Hajib stated that a person's wisdom is the result of their knowledge, and that this knowledge is primarily attributed to the father, emphasizing the necessity for every father to provide knowledge to their child from an early age.

The formation of qualities such as reading and loving books among learners is considered one of the very important issues. This problem has been interpreted in relation to intellectual education and knowledge acquisition in the teachings of folk pedagogy, Islamic literature, and the great thinkers. The educational and moral views of Abu Nasr Farabi, Abu Rayhon Beruni, Abu Ali Ibn Sina, Yusuf Hos Hojib, Kaykovus, Ahmad Yugnakiy, Abdurahmon Jomiy, Alisher Navoi, Zahiriddin Muhammad Babur, and later Abdurauf Fitrat and others can serve as clear evidence of this in relation to books and their thoughts on knowledge acquisition.

### ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

The distinguished children's author of Uzbekistan, People's Writer Hakim Nazir, once remarked on books and reading, 'Throughout my life, I have an undeniable truth: there is nothing more important than books in helping children find the right path and form their worldview, and to guide their morals and ethics. Therefore, I believe that the primary duty of parents is to instill a love for books in their children. Occasionally, we hear that literature is

<sup>2</sup> Ro'ziyeva N.P. "THE ROLE OF FAMILY AND SOCIETY IN SHAPING LIBRARY CULTURE". 31.05.2025

losing attention due to science and technology. In my opinion, as long as there is a need for beauty, works of art will never lose their value. For this reason, it is gratifying to see the number of those who appreciate books and read them with enthusiasm increasing.<sup>3</sup>

In family reading, if a parent who loves books does not consider the child's age and physiological characteristics, mental and spiritual world, interests and aspirations, they will not achieve positive results in this regard. It seems that there are specific standards and requirements for reading culture as well. Taking these into account, the following recommendations are suggested to cultivate a family reading culture:

- always be an example to children in reading books;
- have a culture of selecting books;
- establish a practice of reading books alternately in family gatherings at certain times;
- pay special attention to the importance of strengthening memory by encouraging children to memorize poems, aiming for at least 2 poems in a month;
- present books considering each child's spiritual and emotional world;
- choose works with more colorful illustrations for younger children, written in large letters, reflecting their innocent imagination;
- recommend works for intermediate-aged children that reflect the destiny of peers, depicting real-life and imaginary-fantasy events, and bringing emotional experiences to life;
- regularly discussing reading books with independent adult children who have established families, providing necessary recommendations (this creates a foundation for continuing the family reading tradition as a sacred value);
- setting daily and weekly reading quotas for each book and monitoring them regularly;
- organizing family discussions about the content and essence of the read works, the characteristics of the characters, the creative approach, and the impressions received;
- encouraging children who read books in a timely and satisfactory manner;
- working specifically with children who show insufficient interest in reading literary works and are unable to complete assignments on time, aiming to develop their reading skills;
- being recognized as a family with high morality and intellectual potential that contributes significantly to the material and spiritual development of society.<sup>4</sup>

The main goal of children's reading is to educate them from an early age in the spirit of humanity, honesty, truthfulness, justice, and beauty, helping them to grow into truly human beings.

Therefore, many of our scholars, poets, and writers pay great attention to books and reading. Our renowned writer Abdulla Qahhor said, 'A book that can be read with enthusiasm is beauty. The readability of a book shows that the author has a meaningful and very necessary thought to convey to the reader.' Children's writer Samuel Marshak said, 'A child wants to see the whole world in every book.'

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

. In families, the cultural wealth created by our people, especially the Quran and Hadith, which educate young people in the spirit of human virtues, serve as a significant tool in the upbringing of youth and their development into mature individuals. There is no doubt that children raised in such families will grow up to serve the prosperity of our homeland and will follow in the footsteps of our great ancestors such as Khorezmi, Beruni, Ibn Sina, Ulugh Beg,

<sup>3</sup> Erkinjonova G.F. "THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES". 2021.

<sup>4</sup> Hayitova Sh. "THE ROLE OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY IN DEVELOPING CHILDREN'S READING" 15.05.2022

Navoi, and Babur. Therefore, every parent should pay special attention not only to the physical but also to the intellectual, spiritual, and moral upbringing of their children, ensure they have access to age-appropriate literature, exchange ideas with them about the books they read, and encourage their growth.

By explaining the role of the family environment in reading books to parents and the importance of family reading, if we start the interest in books from the family and familiarize children with books from an early age, we will have laid a strong foundation for them to grow into well-rounded and spiritual individuals, thus contributing to the education of worthy youth for the future of our country.

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