

1st Place Winning Essay

Enjoy Life in the Book Nook

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I was very excited when Mrs. Stenback said that Michelle and she had a dream, to build an English library for us. I like reading very much. Before the English material I could get was 21st century newspaper and it has little about exotic lifestyle. So I was longed for the opening of the Book Nook. Then I worked there as a librarian. Not only do I improve my English learning skills, but also it offers me an opportunity to make new friends.

One day I was on duty. A freshman came to borrow a book. She asked me to recommend some books for her. I gave her a not very difficult book. I thought the most important is to improve her confidence. Then she asked me for advice to pass CET-4. I encouraged her to read a lot. It is a good way to remember words by reading. This is also what I learned from reading. We talked in English for an hour. To my surprise, I could speak English correctly and fluently without many errors. She even admired me for my oral English. From then on, I became more confident in my oral English and always talk with others. Practice makes perfect. It's truth.

In the Book Nook, I always spend much time on magazines, especially Country Living, my favorite magazine. I like the decorations of houses and the beautiful gardens. It always makes me feel comfortable, relaxed and cozy. At the sight of the beautiful pictures, I can't resist the impulse to travel around the world to enjoy delicious western food, to share the mystery of culture. Every country has great things. There is no exception to the U.S. In America, there are many picturesque places. When you are sitting on the sofa with a Country Living book, you will soon be engrossed in the atmosphere. Sometimes wandering beside a blue sea to appreciate the splendid sunset, sometimes riding on a horse and galloping on a prairie. After a while, you are lying on the green soft lawn under a maple tree, listening to the singing of birds, or sitting beside a river, listening to the trickling of water. And then in a outdoor kitchen, cooking delicious pizza. You will find how nice the life is.

When I am traveling around the world in the Book Nook, I also can improve my reading skills. First of all, I can adjust my reading speed according to different materials. Reading magazines can also help my fast reading. I needn't pay much attention to the details. Reading is a conversation with the author. So just scan for the main idea. Besides, I can't recognize every word, so guessing is a good way. There are many illustrates can help me to guess its meaning. Thirdly, many magazines are about our daily life. It is a good chance to remember a lot of words that often used. For example, words of cooking, decorating, skin caring and so on.

Reading makes a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man. The Book Nook is an exotic place in our campus. It has so many resources for English learning. It is the best choice. Enjoy it together.