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“Empowering Students as Readers and Leaders.”

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Professional Biography

Dr. Jarred Amato is the founder of Project LIT Community and a high school English teacher in Nashville, Tennessee. Jarred is an avid reader, writer, and speaker who enjoys working and connecting with fellow educators to create a vibrant literacy culture in our schools and communities.

Dr. Amato, a two-time MNPS Blue Ribbon teacher, has served in several teacher-leadership roles over the past nine years in the classroom. Originally from Newton, MA, Jarred received his B.A. in English and History from Vanderbilt University, M.A.T. from Belmont University, and recently received his Ed.D. from Lipscomb University.

Lessons Learned

- Block out the noise and focus on what’s best for your students.
- You don’t need to leave the classroom to lead.
- Surround yourself with passionate, positive people.

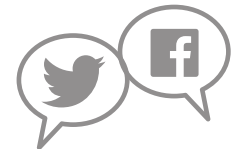
Favorite Resources

Online

- **Project LIT Community** – Network with educators and review our #ProjectLITBookClub selections. Search for @projectlitcomm on Twitter.
- **Author: Jason Reynolds** – Jarred recommend every book. (“Long Way Down” mentioned in this podcast episode.) <https://www.jasonwritesbooks.com/books>

Books

- **Miller, D. (2014).** *Book Whisperer, The: Awakening the Inner Reader in Every Child*. Chichester: John Wiley and Sons.
- **Gallagher, K. (2009).** *Readicide: How Schools are Killing Reading and What You Can Do About It*. Portsmouth, NH: Stenhouse.



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