



## The Book and Film Club at Asian Pacific Development Center

### About the Club Facilitator

Jonathan Huie is a teacher in the Adult Education department. In leading the activities of the Book and Film Club, he has the desire to touch students' hearts and show them how they can improve their English language skills and enrich their lives.

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## Building Relationships, Boosting Language Skills, and Promoting Lifelong Learning in the Immigrant and Refugee Community

Our adult immigrant and refugee students are studying English to have more opportunities. However, they are generally not aware of all the tools available to them to learn English. We are establishing a book and film club to allow students to explore other ways to improve their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Throughout the year students meet to watch a film which is tied to the most recent book they have read. On the film nights, students enjoy food together and discuss the book and film, making connections to the stories and to each other. While club members read the book individually, they use an online platform to share their answers to discussion questions and respond to each other. Students gain confidence in expressing themselves and using technology.

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**“It's silly not to hope. It's a sin he thought.”**

– Ernest Hemingway, *The Old Man and the Sea*

