Books and the Big Screen: The Book is Always Better

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Never judge a book by its movie.

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The Origins
College Goals

• The Mission Statement of FSCJ is to “provide high value, relevant life-long education that enhances the intellectual, social, cultural, and economic development of our diverse community.”
BBS fulfills this by:

• Promoting **life-long education** as students engage in reading beyond the classroom
• Increase **intellectual development** as students build reading analysis skills through discussions
• Increase **intellectual development** as students build critical thinking skills by compare/contrast the book to the movie
• Increase **social development** as students develop public speaking skills by sharing reviews of books they have read
• Increase **cultural development** as students from diverse backgrounds share their opinions and insight
• Additionally, this will create a strong sense of community for the Downtown Campus.
FSCJ: Florida State College at Jacksonville
4 Campuses and 3 Centers
50,000 students
Students from 146 countries
Students Age – 15 to 77
13 Bachelor Degrees
45 Associate Degrees
100 Technical and Workforce Certificates
Downtown Campus
ESOL
EAP
Adult Education
College Credit
The Books!

But first...
What are YOUR favorite books turned into movies?
**Fall 2016**

**Books and the Big Screen**

Book and Movie Club

**Wednesday, September 7th**
12:15p.m. - 1:00p.m.

**Thursday, September 8th**
12:15p.m. - 1:00p.m.

**UNBROKEN**

Feel free to bring your lunch! Water will be provided.

**Room 2102Q in the library**

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**Spring 2017**

**Books and the Big Screen**

Book and Movie Club

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Contact Dr. Ertenberg with any questions:
Room A2009, sertenbe@fscj.edu

**All meetings are from 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m.**

**Tuesday, January 24th**
**Tuesday, February 14th**
**Tuesday, March 7th**
**Tuesday, April 4th**

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Book and Movie Club

A Long Way Home by Saroo Brierley
Made into the blockbuster movie Lion

JOIN US!
All meetings are from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday, September 11th
Monday, October 2nd
Monday, October 23rd
Monday, November 13th

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Fall 2017

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Monday, January 22nd
Monday, February 12th
Monday, March 5th

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Spring 2018
Book and Movie Club
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The Mountain Between Us

Monday, September 17th
Monday, October 8th
Monday, October 29th
Monday, November 19th
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Room 2102Q in the Library

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Fall 2018
The Format

• Monthly face-to-face

• Ongoing Blackboard discussions

Prelude - Chapter 12

Participate in one of the posted discussions or start your own.

To Reply to a Question: Simply click on the question, read the full question that appears on a new page, and hit the blue "Reply" button.

To Ask/Add a Question: Click on "Create Thread" above the list of questions.
Face-to-Face: Details

• About the STUDENTS
  • Some background info
  • Questions leading to discussion
    • What would you do?
    • Have you been in a similar situation?
  • “You Pick” article titles

• Guest Speakers
  • Unbroken – Mathematics professor
  • The Martian - Astronomy professor
  • A Long Way Home – Speech/Communications professor
  • The World’s Strongest Librarian - Author
Books and Big Screen Info

About Books and the Big Screen: Read the Book. Watch the Movie. Discuss and Engage.

Overview

Books and the Big Screen is a Downtown Campus book club that focuses on a book, which also became a movie, as a point of discussion and engagement each semester. Simply click on the "Discussions" tab to see what others have to say and/or post your own comments/questions, and then join us at the end of the semester to watch the movie.
Sample Discussion Questions

**The Martian**

- We can put ourselves in Mark’s place by picturing the recent Hurricane Matthew storm which swept over Florida in October. Think back and describe how you felt. Did you attempt to go out in the storm to feel the hurricane force winds? Did you lose electricity? Were you alone? Were you able to communicate with others? What preparations did you make? What did your yard/home/neighborhood look like after the storm?

- Talk about the ingenuity of the team members who are working on getting Mark in the MAV to hook up with Hermes. The word “quit” is not in their vocabulary. Has there been a time in your life when you would not give up?
Sample Discussion Questions

*The Mountain Between Us*

- Dr. Ben might have had an easier time if he just left Ashley behind so he could move faster and then just send help to her. Why doesn’t he? Would you have left her?

- Throughout the entire book, Ben and Ashley’s shared love of coffee persists. Ashley even asks Ben if he could drip some directly into her IV (p. 297). What would be the one food or drink you would desperately want when you were rescued? (Don’t just tell us. Describe it and tell us why it is worthy of your #1 choice!)
Our Goals Met!

• Promoting **life-long education**
  - Discussions at home
    - Student took grand-daughter to Kennedy Space Center!
  - Ask about other books

• Increase **intellectual development**
  - Build reading analysis skills through discussions
  - Critical thinking skills by compare/contrast the book to the movie on Blackboard
Unintended Benefits

• Great link from ESOL and Adult Ed
  • Know a professor for ENC1101
  • No judgement! Practice English and/or writing skills

• More comfort in the library
  • For class or on own

• Reading can be fun!

• Discussions with family – Bring school home!
Suggestions

• Find your resources
  • Possible link to student services
• Students not forced to read
• Not tested or grammar corrected
• One meeting a month; One discussion a month
• Reach out to specific teachers
• YOU must respond in Blackboard
Any questions or comments?