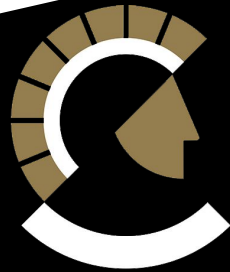


# Adapting the Human Library™ to Foster Boys' Creativity and Communication Skills

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**BE BOLD. BE BRILLIANT. BE YOU.**

# What is a Human Library<sup>TM</sup> ?

*Developed in  
Copenhagen,  
Denmark, 2000*



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Creates a space “where real people are on loan to readers”

Provides a framework for meaningful conversations

Challenges stereotypes and prejudices

# Developing Creativity and Communication Skills



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- [2023 Great Immigrant Honorees: The Pride of America](#)
- Biography Research Project
- Review personal events that have shaped their life
- Brainstorm personal narrative ideas with peers
- Collaborate in small groups with classmates and native speakers to develop and refine ideas

# Fostering the Creativity and Communication Skills with Project Development



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- Guide students' ideas and writing with student-teacher conferences
- Conduct peer editing with English 11 and JROTC Cadets
- Present three acting workshops by Drama Department to help the students' presentation and communication skills



# Preparation

- Practice oral presentations as “books to be read”
- Find proper pace and tempo as students share their story
- Understand etiquette for questions and answers
- Create folder covers

# Presentation



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- Warm-up with Drama teacher
- Prime volunteers- schedule, rules, folders
- Present books- three sessions, 15 minutes each
- Initiate final 2-minute warnings
- Reward students and volunteers with complementary cookie and coffee break

# *Fostering Creativity and Communication*

## Lessons Learned



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**“Those obstacles I met in Human Library Project were just a small amount of difficulties I will face in the future, it’s like a water drop in the endless ocean. I know I should be a tough man.”**

**[Dauda, Asmatullah, David](#)**



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