

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The American Corner (AC) was established in May 13, 1992 when Ateneo de Davao University Library received the donation of library collections of the former USIS Davao. The Memorandum of Agreement was signed by the Public Affairs Officer Mr. Morton S. Smith, representing the U.S. Embassy, and Fr. Antonio S. Samson, S.J., President of the Ateneo de Davao University from 1986-1993; 2005 – 2011.

In 2003, the AC was closed for renovation. On the occasion of its reopening on February 4, 2004, a new MOA was signed by Mr. Ronald Post, Public Affairs Officer of the U.S. Embassy and Fr. Edmundo M. Martinez, S.J., President of the Ateneo de Davao University from 1993-2004. The new MOA reflects the improved facilities provided by the university and the updated collection from the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of each American Corner is to be a partner in promoting mutual understanding with the United States of America.

GOALS

- To provide accurate information about United States history, government, society & values;
- To maintain an open dialogue with host country publics through programs that build bridges of understanding;
- To provide access to English language resources, computers, and the Internet;
- To leverage United States assistance and exchange programs in the host country.

LOCATION

The American Corner is located on the 2nd floor, Wieman Building, adjacent to the Technical Section of the Main Library, Jacinto Campus.

SERVICE HOURS

Monday – Saturday 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

(Closed during Sundays and Holidays)

CLIENTELE

The center is open to the general public:

- Public and private institutions
- Students and professionals
- Businessmen and community leaders
- Visiting researchers

RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

The AC collections include books, periodicals, CD-ROMs, videotapes, VCDs, DVDs, audiobooks, posters and publications of private and public American organizations and agencies.

The AC is air-conditioned and has facilities for Internet access and for viewing videotapes, VCDs and DVDs.

SERVICES

• REFERENCE/RESEARCH

Reference and research assistance is provided by a full-time professional librarian and AC In-charge. The AC also accepts and responds to inquiries received by phone, fax, e-mail and post.

• BOOK LOANS

Borrowing privileges are granted only to the ADDU faculty members, students and staff. Journals and magazines are for library premise use only.

For details, kindly refer to the following:

Patron Type	Loan Item	Loan Period	Renewal
Full-time Faculty	8	1 Semester	
Part-time Faculty	4	8 weeks	once
Undergraduate Students	2	2 weeks	once
Law & Graduate Students	2	2 weeks	once

• EDUCATIONUSA ADVISING

The AC has an EducationUSA Advising Section, which offers the following services:

- Provides information on standard test such as GMAT, GRE and TOEFL, as well as registration bulletins.

- Assist students in choosing universities and fields of study and in preparing the documentation required for admission to American colleges and Universities.

• INTERNET USE

Electronic information resources are to be used in a manner consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are intended.

• ONLINE DATABASES

ProQuest 5000 is an extensive general reference resource providing access to over 10,050 publications, with more than 5,860 in full text. The database is updated daily. <http://search.proquest.com/>

Ebrary is a database that provides access to over 40,000 titles of reference books covering 20 subject areas such as social sciences, business, humanities and more. <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/ateneodavao>

Computerized Index to Philippine Periodicals Articles (CIPPA) is an index to articles published, in one hundred seventy four (174) Philippine periodicals titles that includes newspapers, magazines, and journals. <http://rizal.lib.admu.edu.ph/cippa/cippa.asp>

Gale Virtual Reference Library a database that contains reference books and covers the following subject areas: Science, Environment, Social Science, Technology, Nation & World, History, and Medicine. <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/phaddu>

Sage Reference Online is a database that hosts authoritative, award-winning interdisciplinary handbooks and encyclopedias across the social sciences <http://sage-reference.com>

Philippine E-Journals (PEJ) is an expanding collection of academic journals that are accessible globally through a single Web-based platform. <http://www.ejournals.ph>

EbscoHost is a web-base periodical index that provides abstracts and indexing for over 4,800 scholarly journals. Also included is the full text for over 1,000 journals from 1990 and over 1,700 peer-reviewed journals.

eLibraryUSA DATABASES

eLibraryUSA is a virtual library with more than thirty (30) databases subscribed by the U.S. Embassy for the American Corner.

Academic Search Premier is a multi-disciplinary database that provides full text for more than 8,500 journals,

including full text for more than 4,600 peer-reviewed titles.

Ebrary (includes e-Libro and e-Livro) is an online, full-text collection of over 20,000 books in English, and 35,000 books in Spanish and Portuguese.

Encyclopedia Britannica provides basic introduction to over 75,000 different topics, including encyclopedia articles, maps, news, definitions, and statistics.

Gale Directory Library hosts a variety of directory products. Use it to search, sort and export information from both current directory editions as well as prior editions that are maintained as searchable backfiles.

Gale Virtual Reference Library is a database of encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research.

CQ Researcher Online provides reports covering current and controversial issues in the United States, from 1923 to the present.

CQ Global Researcher provides reports covering the most current and controversial global issues of the day, from 1923 to the present.

Global Issues in Context offers international viewpoints on a broad spectrum of global issues, topics, and current events.

Oxford Analytica provides timely, authoritative, forward-looking analysis of geopolitical and macroeconomic events and issues every business day.

Business Source Premier is the industry's most used business research database, providing full text for more than 2,300 journals, including full text for more than 1,100 peer-reviewed titles.

Literary Resource Center is a comprehensive database that provides users with a broad spectrum of information on thousands of authors and their works across literary disciplines and timeframes.

Pop Culture Universe is an authoritative digital library of information on American and world popular culture, past and present, in a dynamic package sites.

Gale Science in Context is an engaging online experience for those seeking contextual information on hundreds of today's most significant science topics.

GREENR or the Global Reference on the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources focuses on the physical, social, and economic aspects of environmental issues.

Grzimek's Animals Online is a digital version of the original 17-volume encyclopedia; Grzimek's Animal Life includes the original 9,000-plus pages of peer-reviewed articles and photos, as well as video materials.

English Language Learner is a multi-purpose information resource designed for middle/high school students and those that are new to the English language.

Fuente Academica offers more than 450 scholarly journals from Latin America, Portugal and Spain.

ACCESS TO THE COLLECTIONS

- Library collections' bibliographic information can be accessed in the Internet through **Web Collection Plus** (<http://library.addu.edu.ph>) and the **Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)**.

CONTROL POLICIES

- Users should present and wear their valid Identification Card upon entering the AC.
- Users should deposit their bags in the depository counter before entering the AC. Lost claim card is assessed a fee of P20.00.
- Upon exit, users are required to open and show the content of their bags, folders, and other receptacles to the staff in-charge.

DRESS CODE

Library users wearing strapless tops, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, and shorts will not be allowed to enter the AC.

CONDUCT IN THE LIBRARY

- AC users should respect the right of each individual to study in a quiet atmosphere.
- AC users who engaged in disruptive and inappropriate behavior will be asked to leave the AC.
- Cellphones and other forms of electronic communication devices must be put on silent mode or deactivated before entering the AC.
- All calls must be entertained outside the AC.
- Smoking, eating, sleeping and drinking are not allowed inside the AC.
- Leaving personal belongings in the AC is not allowed. The AC assumes no responsibility for any items left unattended.



Ateneo de Davao University Libraries

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American Corner

USER'S GUIDE

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