

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The American Corner (AC) was established on May 13, 1992, when Ateneo de Davao University Library received the donation of library collections from the former United States Information Service (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., former President of the Ateneo de Davao University.

In 2003, the AC was closed for renovation. On 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.

AMERICAN SPACES

American Spaces are open-access learning and gathering places around the world that promote interaction – both in-person and virtual – among local audiences and the United States. More than 600 American Spaces are located in universities, shopping malls, libraries, and other public places, as well as on embassy compounds, in more than 140 countries.

In a welcoming American-themed environment, American Spaces delivers compelling programs and activities on various themes and topics — everything from free internet access to objective news publications to advanced technology to programs on freedom of cultural expression. For example, visitors may find:

- Educational advising for those who want to study in the U.S.
- Workshops on a range of topics from career skills to English language learning
- Classes and clubs introducing new technologies, 21st-century digital skills and academic resources
- Films, discussions and lectures on entrepreneurship, leadership, current events, international affairs and much more

SERVICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Saturday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
(Closed during Sundays and Holidays)

CLIENTELE

The centre is open to the general public and walk-ins:

- Everyone is welcome!
- Public and private institutions
- Students and professionals
- Businessmen and community leaders
- Visiting researchers

CONTROL POLICIES

- Users should present and wear their valid Identification Card upon entering the AC.
- Upon exit, users must open and show the content of their bags, folders, and other receptacles to the AC staff.

RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

The AC collections include books, periodicals, CD-ROMs, DVDs, audiobooks, posters, and journal publications.

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

DRESS CODE

AC users are expected to dress appropriately while on campus.

CONDUCT IN THE LIBRARY

- AC users should respect the right of each individual to stay in a safe and comfortable environment.
- AC users who engage in disruptive and inappropriate behaviour will be asked to leave the AC.
- Cellphones and 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 prohibited inside the AC.
- Leaving personal belongings in the AC is not allowed. The AC assumes no responsibility for any items left unattended.

SERVICES

Reference Queries

A full-time AC Coordinator provides reference assistance. The AC also accepts and responds to phone, email, and social media inquiries.

Book Loans

Borrowing privileges are granted to the ADDU faculty members, students, and staff. Board games, 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	once
Part-time Faculty	4	90 days	once
Undergraduate Students	4	30 days	once
Law & Graduate Students	4	30 days	once

Educational Advising

The AC has an EducationUSA Advising Area that provides materials on:

- Standard tests such as GMAT, GRE, and TOEFL, as well as registration bulletins.
- Catalogs and brochures from U.S. colleges and universities
- Peterson's Test Prep and Career Prep

Computer Use

Use of computers is on a first-come and first-serve basis due to limited units. Electronic information resources are to be used in a manner consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are intended.

Online Databases

Links to all subscribed and owned online databases are available at the library's website: <http://library.addu.edu.ph>

e-Journals


1. ADMU Journals Online
2. American Journal of Physics
3. Association for Computing Machinery Digital Library (ACM)
4. Cambridge Core
5. EBSCOHost
6. Emerald Insight
7. Gale Reference Complete
8. IEEE All Society Journals
9. JSTOR
10. Taylor and Francis Online
11. Science Direct


e-Books


1. Bloomsbury Architecture Library
2. Britannica Academic
3. Cambridge University Press
4. De Guyter Filipiniana
5. EBSCOHost Academic Collection
6. Gale
7. Knovel
8. ScienceDirect
9. VitalSource Bookshelf (Pearson & Cengage)
10. Wiley Online Library
11. World Scientific Books


eLibraryUSA


eLibraryUSA is a virtual library with nine (9) databases subscribed by the U.S. Embassy for the American Corner.

 *Press Reader* has popular newspapers from around the world and U.S. magazines in an easy-to-read and browse format.

 *Flipster* has access to the latest issue of popular magazines in the U.S., including *National Geographic*, *Entrepreneur*, *Wired*, *Fast Company* and *Popular Science*.

 *EBSCO Academic Search Premier* has access to over 6,000 peer-reviewed journals across the open-access and academic publishing industries.

 *JSTOR* is a searchable database with journal articles focusing on the social sciences, economics, and history.

 *ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global* contains 1.5 million dissertations and theses written by graduate students from over 700 universities.



Gale In Context: Middle School provides reading

and research in any topic in over 1,000 journals, newspapers and magazines. Geared to 11-13 years old students.



Opposing Viewpoints in Context showcases the

view of experts on controversial and debated topics, and read articles on these topics in thousands of newspapers and magazines.



BookFlix is a beginner's reading website that

combines animated fictional stories with related nonfiction books.



Kanopy is a free online streaming service that

contains a curated selection of documentaries exploring the most inspirational and interesting contemporary topics in the United States.

ACCESS TO THE COLLECTIONS

American Corner collections' bibliographic information can be browsed 24/7 through the **Higher Education OPAC** available at the library's website, <http://library.addu.edu.ph>



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