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American Spaces connect the world with the United States.

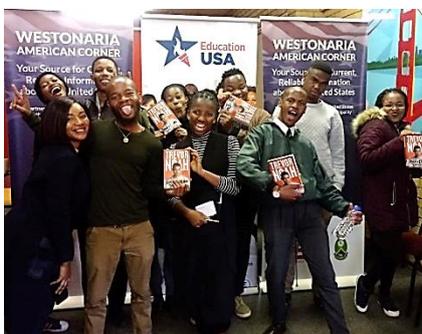
American Spaces Overview

American Spaces are inviting, open-access learning and gathering places around the world that promote interaction among local communities and the United States in support of U.S. foreign policy.

With approximately 620 in-person platforms around the world, American Spaces enable visitors to forge their own personal or virtual connections with the United States through access to English language learning, U.S. educational advising, engagement with alumni of U.S. exchange programs, cultural programs, and access to premium technology with dynamic programming that encourages key conversations in a safe, welcoming environment. In FY 2019, nearly 66 million people explored the United States through American Spaces.



As diverse as the communities they serve, American Spaces are grouped into three broad categories: U.S.-government owned or operated American Centers (96), independently operated Binational Centers that are primarily located in Latin America (97), and American Corners (424), which reside within host institutions (libraries, universities, local governments, business incubators and more).



The Office of American Spaces in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in Washington, D.C., provides a range of services to support American Spaces as primary programming venues for embassies and consulates:

- Strategic consulting through its corps of Regional Public Engagement Specialists
- Training of local embassy and American Spaces staff on planning, management, and policy-focused programming
- Development of customized programming based on policy priorities
- Cross-Departmental coordination for long-range planning of U.S. government-operated American Spaces
- Communication support through digital and print marketing services
- Access to eLibraryUSA, a global digital library
- Procurement support through eShop
- Access to support resources through the American Spaces website and intranet



An American Space is a collaborative laboratory where citizens, alumni, all mission agencies, private and public partners and others can explore and be inspired by new ideas, skills, and opportunities that have the power to bring positive change to individual lives, communities, the host country, bilateral and regional relations, and global challenges.

