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The American Center, located on the campus of the Lao-American College, is a one-stop source of up-to-date information about all aspects of the United States, its people, and its policies.

The American Center staff, equipped with books, magazines, on-line databases, and other materials, can provide information about American people and culture, history and society, government and politics, economics and trade, foreign affairs and defense, literature and performing arts, and education and language. The American Center also has information on issues of global concern, such as narcotics trafficking, protection of the environment, and terrorism.

The American Center is open to the general public free of charge and welcomes visits by government officials, academics, journalists, students, and others interested in information about the United States.

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- **Trained Staff:**

The American Center staff can help you find answers to questions about the United States and its people, culture, economic and political systems, and foreign policies.

- **Internet Access:**

The American Center has eight computers for quick Internet access to websites about the United States and issues of international concern.

- **Books:**

Over 1,000 books in the following subject areas:

- General Reference Books
- Reference Books About the United States
- American History
- Contemporary American Society
- American Government and Political Science
- Democracy and Human Rights
- American Foreign Policy and Military
- American-Laos Bilateral Relations
- Southeast Asia
- Biographies of Prominent Americans
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- American Geography and Travel
- Science, Technology, Environment, Health
- American Arts and Performing Arts
- American Literature

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- Economics and Trade
- Public Policies
- Environment, Science, and Technology
- Information Technology
- Education
- International Affairs
- American Society and Values

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- Economics and Trade
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- Global Issues and the Environment
- Media, Communications, and Information Technology
- U.S. Politics, Society and Culture

- **Electronic Journals:**

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- U.S. Foreign Policy Agenda
- Economic Perspectives
- Issues of Democracy
- Global Issues
- U.S. Society and Values

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- **Online Databases:**

The American Center subscribes to the following online databases:

- **Dow Jones Interactive:**

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- **Federal News Service:**

Federal News Service provides verbatim transcripts of speeches by senior American officials and briefings at the White House, State Department and other government agencies.

- **LEXIS-NEXIS:**

Lexis offers full texts of U.S. federal and state legal and regulatory materials, state court materials, treaties, and legal periodicals, and texts from over 100 newspapers, wire services, news and business magazines.

- **UMI PROQUEST DIRECT:**

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