



## American Corners in Algeria

If you are looking for opportunities to improve your English, or for information about American culture and history, or for advice on how to study in the United States, then visit your local “American Corner,” located in Ouargla, Oran, Algiers, and Constantine. The four Corners in Algeria are small, American-style libraries, in partnership between the U.S. Embassy and the University of Ouargla, the University of Oran, Algerian Language Center, and Mentouri University. The goal is to promote cooperation and mutual understanding between the U.S. and Algeria. These Corners provide access to current information about the U.S. via book collections (American fiction and reference books), films, the Internet, and through local programs. Access to all the Corners is free and open to all interested Algerians.

Each Corner offers a wide array of activities including English conversation, spelling bees, and cultural events. However, each Corner also has unique programs that distinguish it from the others.

“Everyday Leader,” a popular program at American Corner Ouargla, was inspired by the volunteers there. Every week a volunteer presents — in English — a concept on leadership and its relation to everyday life. Together, the presenter and the audience delve into the idea of “leadership” and consider how to develop their own leadership skills.

Oran offers English classes for adults, students, and even children every week. American Corner Oran focuses on making the English learning process fun by using art and learning idioms, which also helps participants to better understand American culture.

Algiers offers a unique writing class for its members to help its members improve their academic writing. By reading a newspaper article and analyzing the writing, members increase their vocabularies and develop writing skills geared for scholarships, reports, and applications.

Fusion Magazine, is a new endeavor from the American Corner Constantine, created and run by its members. It is an English monthly magazine to encourage English learning, contribute to better mutual understanding between the U.S. and Algeria, and create opportunities to share information about American Constantine Corner’s activities.

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