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## IRC-MONROVIA

The Information Resource Center (IRC) offers information resources, organizes regular weekly events, and is the hub for coordinating outreach programs, especially the American Corner program. The IRC is open to the public Monday to Thursday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm; photo ID is required for entry.

### IRC NEWS

#### Ambassador Bids Farewell



L-R: Pres. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf; Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield; Vice-Pres. Joseph Boakai; Senate Pro-Temp Gbehzongar Findley; Foreign Affairs Minister Augustine Ngafuan at the Farewell Program

The United States Ambassador to Liberia, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, departed Post on February 29 for a new assignment in Washington after three-and-half years of impressive tour in Liberia. Upon arrival in 2008 she was immediately named "People's Ambassador," mid-way she was nick-named Kebbeh Sieh 'for being a Lorma daughter from Lofa County,' and finally she was conferred 'honorary citizenship of Liberia' by President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf. Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield regularly interacted with IRC contacts and her last tour at the IRC was on February 28 when she escorted the Vice President of Liberia Joseph N. Boakai.

#### Vice President Visits IRC



The Vice President of Liberia, Mr. Joseph N. Boakai, accompanied by his spouse Mrs. Kartumu Y. Boakai and Chief of Protocol Ambassador Eddie Dunn, visited the IRC, escorted by US Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield during an official tour of the New Embassy Compound on February 28. The US Ambassador introduced IRC services and resources to the Vice President and she asked him to pass-on the information to Liberians.

### EDUCATION ADVISING

#### Current 2012 editions on the shelves:

- + The Princeton Review: The Best 294 Business Schools in the US
- + SAT General Test; SAT Subject Test: Maths & Biology
- + The Global Resume and CV Guide
- + College Preparation Book; GRE and TOEFL

Education advising sessions at the IRC:  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

[www.educationusa.state.gov](http://www.educationusa.state.gov)



### COMING UP IN MARCH 2012

#### Search IRC Books Online

IRC-Monrovia has begun uploading its books on an online cataloging software called LibraryThing. This means you can now access our titles anywhere on the web at any location at: [www.librarything.com/catalog/ircmonrovia](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/ircmonrovia). From Home Page click Your Books, then search using Style C. So far, we have uploaded over 65 books. Please contact the IRC in case of any assistance while uploading continues.

#### IRC Observes Women's History Month



In observance of Women's History Month, the IRC will host the following events under the theme: "Women's Entrepreneurship."

*"If we decide — as societies, governments and businesses — to invest in women and girls, we will strengthen our efforts to fight poverty, drive development and spread stability. When women thrive, families, communities and countries thrive — and the world becomes more peaceful and prosperous." - Secretary of State Hilary Clinton.*

**Children's Hour:** Thursday, March 15:  
(4:30 - 6:00 pm, Multi Purpose Room - 1105)  
Parents/guardians are requested to register their children who wish to attend the program. Registration forms for the event will be available at both Embassy entrances on Benson and Gibson streets.

**Guest Speaker Series:** Thursday, March 29:  
(6:00 - 8:00 pm, Multi Purpose Room-1105)  
Topic: Women's Entrepreneurship  
Guest Speaker will be announced.

### STAY CONNECTED

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## ARTICLES ALERT

**Articles Alert** is produced monthly by the Information Resource Center, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy Monrovia. It offers abstracts of current articles, mostly from U.S. publications and by U.S. authors, highlighting significant issues in major areas of international or U.S. domestic affairs. Views expressed in the articles are those of authors and do not necessarily reflect U.S. government policies.

### WOMEN HISTORY MONTH

#### Educating Women and Girls

(Source: <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov>)

Education is crucial to a country's economic and social development. Research by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) shows that each year of schooling increases an individual's economic output by 4 to 7 percent. Educating women and girls, in particular, yields profound social and economic benefits. Studies demonstrate that educating women and girls leads to lower infant and child mortality rates, lower maternal mortality rates, better educated children and increased participation by women in the workforce. Yet despite these benefits, in many countries females receive less schooling than males.

### AFRICA

#### U.S. Government Promotes Private Investment in Africa



The U.S. government is promoting economic growth in Africa through public-private investment and development projects, says Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs William Fitzgerald. "The United States is ready to do

business in Africa in a much bigger way," Fitzgerald said at the Washington Foreign Press Center February 22. He said now is a great time for both U.S. and international companies to invest in sustainable development across Africa.

### AMERICAN SOCIETY

#### Teachers Worldwide Can Turn to Free, Open Content on Internet

(Source: <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov>)



Free online educational content can help schools save money and help teachers create better courses, says Richard Culatta, a specialist in educational innovation. "Most people are surprised to find out how much good content is available for free," said

Culatta, the U.S. Department of Education's deputy director for educational technology. "It's always worth taking the time to see what's available so you're not recreating content that someone else has already made."

### U.S. GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

#### Global Youth Issues

(Source: <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov>)

More than 50 percent of the world's population is under the age of 30. That demographic, increasingly empowered by new technologies, is a potential driver of economic and social progress. The QDDR mandates that "the United States must reach out to youth populations to promote growth and stable democratic government." And In 2011, the Secretary signed a State Department Youth Policy Framework, reinforcing that the State Department should pursue three primary strategies: 1) Advance youth issues (education, economic empowerment, civic participation, etc.) in our bilateral and multilateral diplomacy; 2) Empower young people - particularly as economic and political actors - with skills and networks through our programs; and 3) Engage in honest two-way dialogue with young people and involve them directly in our policy processes.

#### More U.S. Programs to Help Young Moroccan Entrepreneurs

(Source: <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov>)



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced that the State Department's Global Entrepreneurship Program will be launched in Morocco in the spring as part of the U.S. focus on helping to create more economic opportunities for Moroccans and others in the Maghreb region.

Speaking in Rabat February 26, Clinton said the program will "connect investors and thinkers, mentors and pioneers" to "tap into the ingenuity of young Moroccan women and men who have good ideas, who may need to know how to do a business plan, who may need advice about getting credit from the bank, but who are willing to work hard to generate economic growth from the bottom up."



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