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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; a photo ID is required for entry.

IRC NEWS

IRO Trains NGOs, Librarians on eLibraryUSA, etc.



IRC-Monrovia hosted two training sessions for NGOs and Librarians on October 25 at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm respectively, which were facilitated by regional Information Resource Officer Stephen Perry, who is

based at the U.S. Embassy-Accra. To the NGO executives he promoted IIP's new NGO Manual along with ELDIS that includes NGO Manuals and Toolkits, and discussed capacity building, how to kick start one's NGO, and responsible NGO financial management. To the Librarians the IRO talked on Open Access databases, while discussing new trends in public libraries in the U.S.: innovative building design, eReader management, and eJournal access.

IRC Launches Countdown to U.S. Election



Information Resource Center Director Debo Belvis O'diaji speaking to IRC users after unveiling the countdown board in the IRC.

IRC-Monrovia launched a countdown platform to raise awareness on the U.S. Presidential Election exactly 19 days to election day November 6. IRC Director Belvis O'diaji unveiled the countdown board in front of nearly 50 IRC users and distributed profiles of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates Barack

Obama and Joe Biden, and Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan to the audience. The board will remain in the IRC until November 5.

EDUCATIONAL ADVISING

Educational advising sessions at the IRC:
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.
www.educationusa.state.gov

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TIME FOR IRC REGULAR EVENTS CHANGE

Effective October 2012, IRC Movie Series, Alumni Meeting and Speaker Series will be held from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm while Children's Hour remains at 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Please take note!

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER 2012

International Education Week 2012

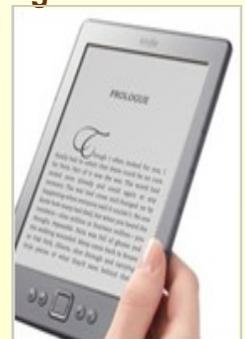
Virtual College Fair: Tuesday, November 13:
(8:30 am - 5:00 pm, IRC)

Over 150 U.S. educational institutions will engage students online across the globe through visuals, links, and the opportunity to chat live with school representative. Students who have Internet knowledge are encouraged to participate. No invitation, present photo ID for admittance.

Youth Hour: Thursday, November 15: (5:00 - 6:30 pm, MPR)
A Consular Officer at the U.S. Embassy Monrovia will speak about the Student Visa Process. No invitation; present photo ID for admittance.

eReader Launch and Internet Training

Friday, November 16: 10:30 am; IRC -1112)
IRC-Monrovia will launch electronic reading on 14 Kindles which are now available in the IRC. Librarians in and around Monrovia will be invited for this event. The launching will be followed by training on Internet usage and eLibraryUSA. Attendance is by invitation.



International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women

Speaker Series: Wednesday, November 28:
(5:00 - 6:30 pm, MPR)

Damare Theriot, a SGBV (Sexual & Gender Based Violence) advisor at the Justice Sector Support Liberia Program, and a victim's advocate will speak to and share their experiences with the audience. No invitation; present photo ID for admittance.

Search IRC Books Online

Search IRC-Monrovia books online at: www.librarything.com/catalog/ircmonrovia. Click Your Books on the Home Page, then search using Style C. Over 1,450 books are already uploaded.

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.

U.S. ELECTIONS

What Happens After Elections

Source: iipdigital.state.gov

With the votes still being counted on November 4, 2008, the two leading candidates for the U.S. presidency played their roles in the concluding act of an established political drama. The first to speak was the defeated candidate, John McCain: "My friends, we have come to the end of a long journey. The American people have spoken, and they have spoken clearly. A little while ago, I had the honor of calling Senator Barack Obama to congratulate him ... on being elected the next president of the country that we both love. ... These are difficult times for our country, and I pledge to him tonight to do all in my power to help him lead us through the many challenges we face." In his victory speech, Barack Obama responded, emphasizing "that we have never been just a collection of individuals or a collection of red states and blue states. We are, and always will be, the United States of America."

WHITE HOUSE

Source: whitehouse.gov

President Obama on Hajj and Eid al-Adha



"Michelle and I extend our best wishes for a joyful Eid al-Adha to Muslims in the United States and around the world. We also congratulate the millions of peaceful pilgrims who are performing the Hajj, including thousands of American Muslims. Throughout

the year, Muslims join members of many faiths in serving those suffering from hunger, disease, and conflict. Muslim communities will continue this practice as they celebrate Eid by distributing food and charity to those in need. Such acts of compassion underscore the shared values of the Abrahamic religions and people of all faiths. On behalf of the American people, we extend our warmest greetings on this holiday."

PEACE CORPS

Source: iipdigital.state.gov

Peace Corps Launches Innovation Challenge



The Peace Corps has launched the Peace Corps Innovation Challenge, a worldwide collaboration to develop technology-based solutions to local community problems in developing countries. Members of the Peace Corps community already have started to submit problems that could use a technology fix, the agency said. One request is for a way to learn about nearby Peace Corps projects. Another idea is for a mobile notification system that sends healthclinic patients reminders about appointments, information about nutrition and healthy lifestyle tips. A third idea is for a way to show those in need of help the location of local health care clinics and providers.

WILD LIFE

Helping Save African Elephants

Source: iipdigital.state.gov



In Cameroon, wild elephants may number only a few thousand today, but Mike Loomis is determined to give them every chance to survive and thrive. "I am passionate about elephant conservation," says Loomis, chief veterinarian at the North Carolina Zoological Park. For two months

each year during the past 15 years, Loomis and a team of experts have tracked Cameroon's wild elephants to collar them with signaling devices that monitor the animals' movements for at least a year. So far, he has collared about 40 elephants. (According to the International Fund for Animal Welfare, there are roughly 5,000 elephants in Cameroon.) "By understanding the movement patterns of the elephants, we are getting an idea of when they leave protected areas and where they go," Loomis says. This information helps establish nonlethal ways to keep elephants out of agricultural areas and to inform anti-poaching patrols as to where to concentrate their protection efforts.

NATURAL DISASTERS

Source: iipdigital.state.gov

U.S. Disaster Response Taps



When disaster strikes the nation, all elements of the U.S. government work together to save and sustain lives and restore livelihoods. Superstorm Sandy is no exception. At the direction of President Obama, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), working closely with state and local governments, coordinates federal government assistance, including aid provided by the Defense Department's military assets. In such situations, the FEMA administrator — currently William Craig Fugate — is authorized by the president to ensure that federal partners make available all resources needed to support state, local, territorial and tribal communities.



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