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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Happy New Year!

The Lincoln Resource Center would like to thank you all for your dedication and commitment in conducting monthly programs and exhibitions at your respective corners throughout 2011. We look forward to your continuing these initiatives with you throughout 2012.

Your monthly submission of statistics of the usage of the Lincoln Corner materials, the number of programs conducted, the number and type of audience attendance, and photos of Corner activities is very important. They justify your good efforts and share good or "best" practices with all Corners. When you send your reports punctually, they enable us to publish the Newsletter on time.

LRC PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH

U.S. Travel Writer and Former Peace Corps Volunteer Reminisces about Malaysia, Inspires Students To Write



Paul S. Sochaczewski speaking at the International Islamic University.

At a seminar organized by the Lincoln Resource Center on October 21, former Peace Corps volunteer and U.S. travel writer Paul S. Sochaczewski engaged 70 students and lecturers at the International Islamic University's Department of English Language and Linguistics. He opened with his fond memories of working as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Sarawak in the late sixties, and then spoke of his passion in writing about the people, the culture, the mysticism and the magic of the people of "Extraordinary Southeast Asia." [More](#).

Journalists Enhance Web Search Skills



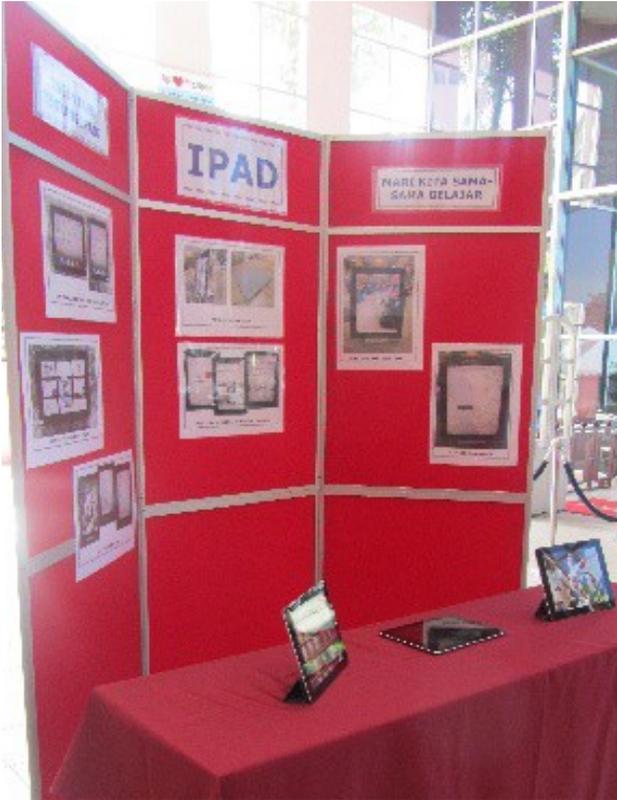
Participants during their hands on training.

On November 3, Information Resource Center librarian Harvinder Kaur conducted a one-day workshop on Research Skills for 19 International Journalist Fellowship participants from Asia and Africa at the Malaysian Press Institute.

The workshop focused on developing effective research strategies, such as brainstorming and mind-mapping research topics, as well as developing concepts and terms before finding information on the web. The workshop also highlighted the effective use of search tools such as google, dogpile, ding, and evaluating the accuracy, validity and relevance of the web resources. Public Diplomacy Officer Rain Che Bian who also attended the workshop, stressed the importance of citing and quoting accurate facts using reliable resources. [More](#).

iPads at Lincoln Corners

LINCOLN CORNER PENANG SHOWCASES IPAD TECHNOLOGY



Lincoln Corner Penang in Seberang Jaya introduced new iPad technology to its library clientele in December on two occasions, December 24 and 31, 2011. About 35 members of the public attended each session and enjoyed using the many features of the iPad and described the experience as holding a "library in the hands." On December 28, at a special workshop on reading, the Lincoln Corner librarians promoted the new iPad gadgets to library staff so they may become familiar with them and become skillfull enough to teach others how to use them.

The Corner is scheduled to promote the iPads again in January through small group seminars to give each individual some focused attention on "Safari" and "iBooks." The Corner is also planning to lend iPads in 2012 under strict conditions: loans only to registered members and a declaration that they will compensate for any damage to or loss of the iPads. In addition, Lincoln Corner Penang will also use iPads in their outreach programs as a tool to attract more library users and to introduce new technology to underserved areas on the Island and on the mainland.

iPads at Lincoln Corners

iPad Launch at Lincoln Corner Sabah Mini Carnival



Assistant Finance Minister Majuntin Exploring the iPad

On November 29, Lincoln Corner Sabah reached out to about 500 people including children and young adults through storytelling, quizzes, games, and photo sessions in conjunction with the Sabah State Library (Penampang Branch) Mini Carnival and Open House. This event was officially launched by Datuk Donald Peter Mojuntin, Assistant Minister of Finance, Sabah. The audiences at the mini carnival were thrilled by the hands-on experience with the iPad. Under the guidance of the librarians, they explored the various interactive features of iPad such as animated pictures, voiceover and music.

NOTE: Lincoln Corner Sabah hosted the Lincoln Corner Workshop October 3-4. This event was highlighted in the previous LRC Newsletter. For those who did not get a chance to read about the workshop, here is the link again: [Lincoln Corner Workshop Showcases iPads, Innovative U.S. Technology.](#)

iPads in Kelantan Draw New Corner Fans



A young Kelantanese student is mesmerized by the iPad

From December 15-17, 2011, Lincoln Corner, Lincoln Corner Kelantan librarians seized the opportunity to advertise and show off their newly acquired iPads (and other Lincoln Corner materials) at a local "E-Government Carnival" held at Dewan Balai Islam Undang. They established a Lincoln Corner booth at the carnival and filled it with a selection of attractive books, periodicals and of course their newly acquired iPads from the U.S. Embassy. The iPads were a big hit and over 500 visitors were intrigued by its touch screen technology and colorful, multimedia applications. It was an excellent method the Lincoln Corner Kelantan librarians used to advertise their presence in Kota Bharu and to draw more fans to the Lincoln Corner.

iPads at Lincoln Corners

iPad Launch at Lincoln Corner Malacca

On December 28, 2011, Lincoln Corner Malacca launched its two iPads with 252 librarians from around Malacca. The iPads were presented to the Lincoln Corners during the 2011 Lincoln Corner Workshop as part of the Embassy's continuing efforts to provide the best American resources through new emerging technologies, and to draw new audiences to the Lincoln Corners.

The Malacca State Public Library Director En Mohamed Aizammuddy said the Lincoln Corner iPads provided value added service to the State Library. The local newspaper *Malacca Hari Ini* quoted him:

"[The] iPad is now a craze among gadget fans... Library users can now access not only eBooks but also iBooks that can be downloaded easily on the ipads.

The Malacca State Public Library Chairman, Datuk Ab Wahab Latip officiated the launch.

Beri Perkhidmatan Terbaik Kepada Masyarakat

PERPUSTAM Lancarkan Penggunaan I-Pad

Oleh MUHAMMAD ZIDEF DAUD

BUKIT BARU, 5 Jan – Perbadanan Perpustakaan Awam Melaka (PERPUSTAM) terus mengorak langkah dalam memberikan perkhidmatan yang terbaik kepada masyarakat apabila melancarkan penggunaan i-Pad kepada pengguna perpustakaan, semalam.

Pengarah PERPUSTAM, Mohamed Aizammuddy Mohamed Idris berkata, langkah itu adalah perlu kerana peranan perpustakaan hari ini semakin mencabar berikutan pengguna aplikasi ICT yang menjadikan ia sebagai sumber pilihan utama untuk mendapatkan maklumat.

Menurut Mohamed Aizammuddy, PERPUSTAM mengambil langkah menggunakan teknologi sepenuhnya berasaskan ICT itu bagi memberikan nilai tambah kepada perkhidmatan sedia ada disamping memperkalkan nilai tambah baru. "i-Pad yang kini merupakan kegunaan peminat gadget dan teknologi terbaru dalam perkembangan internet dan komunikasi turut telah digunakan di PERPUSTAM. "Pengguna perpustakaan kini bukan sahaja boleh mengakses eBooks tetapi juga iBooks yang boleh dimuat turun secara percuma dan membayar melalui i-Pad bagi pengguna di Unit Lincoln Resource Centre,"katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada *Melaka Hari Ini* selepas majlis pelancaran pengguna i-Pad yang disumbangkan oleh Kedutaan Amerika Syarikat melalui Lincoln Resource Centre oleh Pengerusi PERPUSTAM, Datuk Ab Wahab Ab Latip di Dewan PERPUSTAM, dekat sini.

Menurut Mohamed Aizammuddy, i-Pad telah diapilasi penggunaannya di PERPUSTAM sejak sebulan lalu dan sambutan amat menggalakkan khususnya di kalangan pengguna yang ingin merujuk bahan di Sudut Lincoln Resource Centre.

Katanya, menerusi i-Pad, pengguna perpustakaan bukan sahaja boleh mengakses iBook malahan boleh menjalankan aktiviti-aktiviti yang berbentuk pelajaran dan pembelajaran. "Pengguna PERPUSTAM kini juga boleh menggunakan i-Pad untuk membaca buku-buku terpilih melalui senarai buku yang disenaraikan melalui perpustakaan maya dan hanya boleh diakses sepenuhnya di Unit Sudut Lincoln Resource Centre,"katanya.



Ab Latip melancarkan i-Pad yang disediakan oleh PERPUSTAM sambil di perhatikan oleh pegawai-pegawai PERPUSTAM

From: *Melaka Hari Ini*, January 6, 2012

Lincoln Corner Malacca iPad Awareness Campaign



Lincoln Corner Librarian showcasing the use of iPad to young learners. (Oct 23)



En Aizammuddy (Director of Malacca Library) showing the iPad to a Uitm visitor. (Oct 17)



A Lincoln Corner Librarian shows young learners how to use the iPad. (Nov 25)

In the months of October and November Lincoln Corner Malacca conducted three iPad awareness programs with fun-filled activities among library visitors, parents and young learners. Activities conducted using iPads included storytelling, "mind game" and coloring. The campaign was conducted to promote the multi-functions of the iPads donated by the U.S. Embassy. More than 100 users participated in this campaign. Parents who attended gave positive feedback and indicated interest in returning to the corner for more programs.

Lincoln Corner Kedah Ipad Roadshow at Kepala Bukit Village Library



Students from Sekolah Kebangsaan Penghulu Jusuh trying the iPad

Oct 12, Lincoln Corner Kedah promoted iPads at the Kepala Bukit Village Library. More than 100 students and teachers participated in the event.

Lincoln Corner Kedah iPad Roadshow



Students participating in iPad demo, crossword puzzle activity and "Picturing America" Exhibition during the Lincoln Corner Roadshow

On October 30 & 31, Lincoln Corner Kedah organized a two-day road show at Sultan Bahiyah Secondary School. 200 students were exposed to the iPad and were particularly interested in the iBooks crossword puzzle activity about America. They also viewed the Picturing America Exhibition displayed during the road show.

LINCOLN CORNER KELANTAN

Young "Artists" Prepare Crafts Reflecting Space Science



On Dec 11, 2011, 30 children participated in a half day's program dedicated to space science entitled, "Explorace." The librarians guided the children through the Corner collections and helped them select attractive materials about outer space and Apollo missions. A quiz session in which the young participants challenged each other with answers to basic questions about space enabled them to search for books with pictures about planets and the solar system. The children also viewed a DVD about U.S. space exploration before concluding the program.



On Dec 18, 20 young children attended Lincoln Corner Kelantan's special program on "IQ for Kids." Librarians read to them excerpts from children's science picture books and then asked them questions about what was read to them. They then were required to write and draw the ideas they had gathered from the session and to share the illustrations with each other. Prizes in the form of color pencils and art paper were presented to the children who participated actively and gave the correct answers to questions or had the best illustrations.

Storytelling Workshop Participants Test Their Art Skills

December 21: In an attempt to recruit more volunteers for storytelling sessions at the Lincoln Corner, the Kelantan public library staff worked with a local storytelling expert to run a day's workshop on storytelling using art and craft as aids. Storytelling is a popular activity for Kelantan's children and activities like art and craft enable young children with short attention span to practice their other (art) skills while "hanging out" at the Corner.



In November, the Lincoln Corner in Kelantan screened "SpongeBob Square Pants" and "The Wizard of Oz" for primary school children in two successive weeks. More than 60 children attended each screening and many had their parents or another chaperone attending as well.

The librarians reported that fiction/novels were the most popular materials checked out on loan while periodicals were the most frequently used materials at the Corner.

LINCOLN CORNER KUALA LUMPUR



PDO Rain introduces Eco-friendly Clad Fashion Models

On Dec 17, 2011 **EcoFest**, a festival honoring the environment, was held at the Lincoln Corner in Kuala Lumpur bringing more than 30 young adults and other members of the public together, to share ideas in creating awareness about the importance of environmental protection. iPads, a unique fashion show depicting attractive, eco-friendly out-fits and a literary item (the Lorax) all converged at the Lincoln Corner's program led by Public Diplomacy Officer Rain Che Bian that morning to celebrate and protect the environment. [More.](#)

International Law Librarians and Information Professionals Visit the Lincoln Corner



On December 5th, 60 law librarians, information professionals and law publishers from around the globe visited the Lincoln Corner as part of a conference for law information professionals held in Kuala Lumpur. Lincoln Corner librarians briefed the conference delegates about the Corner services and collection during a brief presentation and tour. Senior Information Resource Assistant, Harvinder Kaur who chaired the organizing committee of the conference, Lincoln Resource Center Director Mr. Gerard George and Mr Lenges from Library of Congress Kuala Lumpur met with the delegates.

Vice Consul Nelson on "Thanksgiving"



[Lincoln Corner](#) KL at the KL celebrated its first Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 30, with Vice Consul Nelson Wu from the U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur. More than 60 children, teenagers, and adults braved the rain outside to learn about Thanksgiving and share a feast of pumpkin pies. [More](#)

Throughout the month of November and December, the Corner held a poster and book exhibition entitled, "New Era of Discovery." Corner librarians reported that as a result, the Corner registered the highest number of science and technology books checked out on loan during that period. However, they also said, biographies on notable Americans, and materials on geography and travel were also very popular that same period. A good sign that KL readers have a wide variety of interests? Librarians at the Lincoln Corner KL are now busy with preparations for City Day celebrations coming up on February 1st.

LINCOLN CORNER PENANG

Lincoln Corner Penang English Camp Celebrates Thanksgiving



The students shared what they were thankful for with the PDO.

On November 11, Public Diplomacy Officer (PDO) and Lincoln Resource Centre (LRC) librarian introduced Thanksgiving at an English Enrichment camp at Lincoln Corner Penang. About 30 students and teachers from schools in the vicinity of Seberang Jaya attended the half-day, fun-filled camp. [More.](#)

American Entrepreneur Shares Entrepreneurial Experiences at the Lincoln Corner



On November 10, Lincoln Corner Penang in Seberang Jaya hosted Dr. Harry Harris, Founder and President of HealthCare California. Dr. Harris, a successful entrepreneur, engaged about 40 university students, faculty members and Penang businessmen in an impressive talk on entrepreneurial success. [More.](#)

Dr. Harris speaking at the Lincoln Corner Penang.

Visits

Lincoln Corner Penang held briefings and tours for the following groups in November:

- A group of kindergarteners from Angle Academic;
- A group of students from Sekolah Menengah Irshad;
- A group of students from MSRM Balik Pulau.

LINCOLN CORNER PENANG

U.S. Peace Corps Builds Another Bridge in Penang!



Paul S. Sochaczewski speaks to students on writing.

On October 16, a U.S. Embassy seminar highlighted U.S. volunteerism and Malaysian hospitality and friendship with about 65 teachers, students and librarians at Lincoln Corner Penang in Seberang Jaya's Penang Public Library headquarters. [More.](#)

Lincoln Corner Penang Hosts "Story Time" with EducationUSA



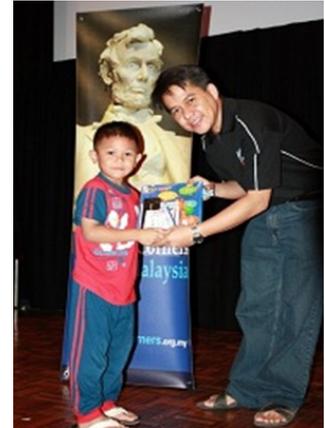
On October 6, the Lincoln Corner located at the Seberang Jaya library hosted "Story Time" for about 85 Standard Six students and teachers from Sekolah Kebangsaan Pasir Gebu, and asked EducationUSA to participate. [More.](#)

LINCOLN CORNER SARAWAK

E.T. Strikes a Chord with the Audience at the Lincoln Corner



A packed auditorium for the E.T. screening



En. Japri Bujang Masli presenting a gift to a lucky winner

On November 19, Lincoln Corner-Sarawak hosted another mega movie screening festival entitled "Movies under the Stars". More than 700 adults and children attended this event. The Corner screened 'E.T. The Extra Terrestrial' a 1982 American science fiction hit about a stranded alien and his relationship with a fatherless boy. The audience participated in participated in quizzes, games and lucky draws organized by the librarians.

Visits

Lincoln Corner Sarawak held briefings and tours for the following groups in October:

- 73 preschoolers, 35 teachers and parents from Taska Masjid Serian and Girls Brigade Kuching on November 19,
- 33 students and 5 lecturers from Politeknik Kuching on November 10,
- 35 kindergarteners and 4 teachers from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Padawan on November 9,
- 16 students and 10 teachers from Sekolah Kebangsaan Sungai Mador on November 4,
- 7 kindergarteners and 2 teachers form Tabika Perpaduan Sekama on November 3, and
- 43 students and 4 teachers from Sekolah Kebangsaan Empila, Samarahan, on November 1.

Storytelling and Video Screenings

Lincoln Corner Sarawak organized story telling every Saturday and Sunday in November using popular titles from the Corner collection, including *The Little Red Hen: Favorite Folk-Tale*. These sessions attracted about 150 students.

Throughout the month of November, Lincoln Corner Sarawak screened several DVDs. Titles included *America's Most Scenic Drivers*; *Shirley Temple: The Biggest Little Star*; *A Moveable Feast with America's Favorite Chefs*; *A Life Among Whales*; *The Wizard of OZ, Dr. Suess*. Over 250 people attended these screenings.

Thematic Exhibitions

In November, Lincoln Corner Sarawak held book and poster exhibitions on *Thanksgiving*. More than 1000 people who visited the exhibition were given a short briefing about the importance of this celebration in the U.S.

LINCOLN CORNER SARAWAK

Former Peace Corps Volunteer Speaks at the Lincoln Corner



On Thursday, October 6, former Peace Corps Volunteer Richard Harvey spoke to an audience of more than 100 students, NGO leaders, local officials, and members of the public at the Lincoln Corner. [More](#)

Richard Harvey speaking on the significance of Peace Corps and volunteerism.

Visits

Lincoln Corner Sarawak held briefings and tours for the following groups in October:

- 80 students and 6 teachers from Sekolah Menengah Jalan Arang on October 31,
- 50 students and 7 teachers from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan San Semanju, Lubok Antu on October 29,
- 31 kindergarteners and 2 teachers from Tabika KEMAS Tebakand, Serian, on October 29,
- 45 students and 7 teachers from Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Datuk Bandar Debak Betong on October 20,
- 21 kindergarteners from KEMAS Kampung Jenan, Serian and 26 parents on October 8,
- 50 students and 3 teachers from Sekolah Kebangsaan Asajaya Laut on October 8.

Storytelling and Video Screenings

Lincoln Corner Sarawak organized story telling sessions every Saturday and Sunday in October using the iPad as a new approach to storytelling. These sessions attracted more than 130 preschoolers.

Thematic Exhibitions

Throughout the month of October, about 1020 people visited Lincoln Corner Sarawak's thematic (book and poster) exhibitions on *Halloween* and *Columbus Day*.

LINCOLN CORNER KEDAH

Celebrating International Education Week



On Nov 28, the EducationUSA Adviser for Penang, Barbara Nichols engaged 25 youths in a discussion on higher education in the U.S. during the Lincoln Corner Kedah International Education Week. A special poster and book exhibition on "Education in the U.S.A" attracted the attention of the youths and 140 library visitors.

Barbara with a group of participant

Storytelling and Educational Activity



On Nov 2, Lincoln Corner Kedah organized a storytelling session on "Cinderella" for 60 children from Tadika Kemas.

A librarian narrating the Cinderella tale

DVD screenings

For the month of November the Lincoln Corner screened the following movies during their weekly video screening sessions on Wednesdays: *Star Trek*, *The Rosa Parks Story*, *Batman*, *G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra* and *Robby Benson: Running Brave*.

Thematic Exhibitions

In the month of November more than 200 library users viewed the Lincoln Corner Kedah poster and book exhibition on *International Education Week* and *Veterans Day*.

Lincoln Corner Kedah Librarian Promotes Playway to Library Users



Library users trying out "playways".

On Oct 20, Lincoln Corner promoted the use of "playways" to library users. Titles included "*Water's of Elephants*", a novel by Sara Gruen.

LINCOLN CORNER KEDAH

Lincoln Corner Kedah iPad Outreach



Preschool children learn vocabulary with the iPads

Lincoln Corner Kedah promoted iPads to preschool children On Oct 13 & 15. More than 60 preschool students from around Kedah participated in an educational activity led by librarians Corner Kedah using iPad. Parents and teachers also had a chance learning the iPad as a fun medium to engage children to learn language and read book.

Lincoln Corner Celebrate Child Health Day



Participants during the coloring contest

On Oct 10, in conjunction with Child Health Day, the Lincoln Corner in collaboration with the Pedang Terap Health Department organized a community outreach including on health screening for children at the Desa Lubuk Merbau branch library. After their health screening the children participated in a coloring contest.



Students during the *Info Search* activity

“Info Search” Activity Popular Among Kedah Teens

The Lincoln Corner conducted an “Info Search” activity on Oct 2. 80 students from Sek Men Keb Agama Kemas participated in program which featured key resources from the Corner’s collection. *feInfo Search* activity using Lincoln Corner collection.

DVD Screenings

In the month of October, the Lincoln Corner screened the following movies during their weekly video screening sessions on Wednesdays: *Troy*, *Enchanted*, *National Treasure* and *2012*.

Thematic Exhibitions

In the month of October more than 100 library users viewed poster and book exhibitions on *Child Health Day* and *Halloween*.

LINCOLN CORNER MALACCA

DVD Screenings



In the month of November, Lincoln Corner Malacca screened the following movies during their weekly video screening sessions on Saturdays: *Leave it to Beaver*, *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* and *Walking on the Moon*.

In the month of October, Lincoln Corner Malacca screened the following movies during their weekly video screening sessions on Saturdays: *Miracle*, *Mary Poppins*, *Walking on the Moon*, *The Princess And the Frog*, and *Alladin*.

Thematic Exhibitions

During the month of November more than 200 library users viewed the Lincoln Corner Malacca poster and book exhibitions on *Veterans Day*, an American holiday celebrated every November 11th.

In the month of October more than 300 library users viewed the Lincoln Corner Malacca poster and book exhibition on *Columbus Day (Oct 10)* in honor of America's founding father.

LINCOLN CORNER SABAH

Visit/Storytelling

- Lincoln Corner Sabah held a briefing and tour for a group of 30 students and 3 teachers Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Telupid on October 18;
- The Corner librarians held tours for visiting groups and organized various activities including storytelling and quiz for more than 200 kindergarteners from Yuk Yu Kindergarten on October 18.

INVITATION TO SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP

The Lincoln Resource Center is organizing a Social Media Workshop for all **Lincoln Corners partners. Library Director/s and one Corner librarian are eligible to attend.** The workshop will be conducted by a renowned social media trainer, Eric Schwartzman (Digital Marketing Consultant / Entrepreneur / Author). This workshop will be held on **February 17 (Friday) 2012 between 9:00am-5:00pm.** This event is coordinated by our partner Warisan Global and the detail of the venue and logistics will be provided to you soon. Meanwhile, please RSVP by February 3rd with names of persons attending to Harvinder Kaur at kaurhx1@state.gov.



Eric Schwartzman: He has been conducting social media training programs to accelerate the development of digital literacy in the workplace at all levels since 2004.

An entrepreneur who founded and sold iPressroom in 2010, he serves as an independent online communications consultant to businesses, the US Military, government agencies and nonprofits.

Eric specializes in online communications strategy, social media policy development and accelerating digital literacy inside organizations. He is a frequent speaker at professional conferences and has been producing the award-winning podcast "[On the Record...Online](#)" ([@ontherecord](#)), about how technology is changing the way organizations communicate, since 2005.

REMINDERS

PARTICIPATORY COLLECTION BUILDING FOR LINCOLN CORNERS

The Lincoln Resource Center is accepting suggestions now from all our Lincoln Corner partners for library resources and program activity titles that are pertinent to your community's interests. You may suggest not only books but costumes, board games, educational products, movie DVD's, etc. Please engage your library users in this exercise. Our selection criteria is that the products should be American, will generate high user statistics, provide balanced views if they include criticisms, and generally portray as standard American public library materials—including innovative ideas. Please provide us a list with full bibliographic details (author, title, ISBN, publisher and publication date for books; similar information for other products).

We also solicit your opinions on the following titles.

- The Autobiography of Malcolm X. With the assistance of Alex Haley, who also wrote the epilogue.
- Malcolm X by Jack Rummel
- Malcolm X by Any means necessary : A Biography / by Walter Dean Myers.

REMINDERS

THEMATIC FOCUS

Lincoln Corner partners are reminded to support each month's theme by organizing posters and exhibits of books and other library materials (including "playaways" and DVDs where relevant). In addition please continue to schedule regular storytelling and video/movie screenings at the Lincoln Corners. Speaker programs and webchats will be offered to you as they become available and we look forward to your help and cooperation in using these initiatives to enhance Lincoln Corner activities and library attendance. These programs are part of what we discussed at the October 2011 workshop in Kota Kinabalu. You are welcome to add on any other initiatives. The thematic calendar listed below will be useful in this regard.

December

- World AIDS Day (Dec 1)
- Pearl harbor Remembrance Day (Dec 7)
- Human Rights Day (Dec 10)
- Christmas Day (Dec 25)

January

- January 16 Religious Freedom Day (Jan 16)
- Martin Luther King's Birthday (Jan 21)

February

- Black History Month
- Lincoln's Birthday (Feb 12)
- Presidents' Day (Feb 20)

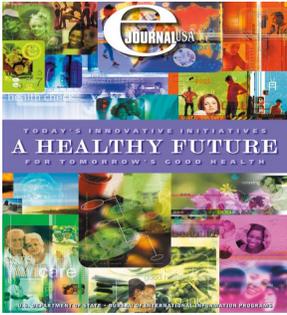
March

- Women's History Month
- International Women's Day (Mar 8)
- Freedom of Information Day (Mar 16)
- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Mar 21)
- World Water Day (Mar 22)
- World Tuberculosis Day (Mar 24)
- International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Silver Trade

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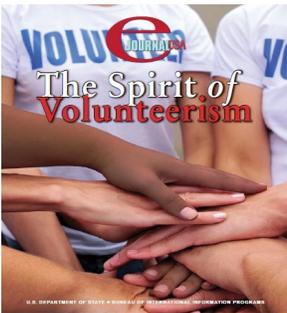


eJournal USA: A Healthy Future

Global health has improved, but the fight against diseases is not over. New approaches and renewed engagement of key stakeholders are needed.

[Read more](#)

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eJournal USA: The Spirit of Volunteerism

Who gives blood in the United States? Who leads Boy Scout troops? Who sings carols in hospitals during Christmas holidays? Who puts out fires and rescues people in medical emergencies? They are volunteers, so woven into the fabric of U.S. life that they often go unnoticed. This issue of eJournalUSA is dedicated to the unheralded citizens who collectively contribute some \$173 billion annually through their unpaid labor. They are part of a tradition of volunteerism that has deep roots in U.S. society.

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FORTHCOMING

Photo Contest --[World Wetlands Day Photo Celebration](#).

Please encourage your Lincoln Corner audiences to upload their best photo(s) to the OES (Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science) Flickr site to celebrate this year's "Wetlands Tourism: A Great Experience" theme. From January 3-20, 2012, the public may add photo(s) in one of four categories: Wildlife, Landscapes, Plants, and Tourists, for a chance to be showcased on U.S. Department of State, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Ramsar Convention Secretariat and its International Organization Partners' websites and social media platforms on **February 2, 2012**. (12/28)

The U.S. Presidential Elections Will Occur in November 2012

Here are some resources for those interested in understanding the U.S. electoral process:

[Glossary of U.S. Election Terms](#) (12/28)

[U.S. Elections: 2012 Primary Schedule](#) (12/28)

[Iowa Caucuses: U.S. Politics Move to a Farm State](#) (In Brief, 12/21) [[Chinese](#)]

Photo Gallery - [Great Moments in American Media Satire](#) (12/26)

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