



## American Spaces

American Spaces exemplify the U.S. commitment to a core tenet of democracy: the citizen’s right to free access to information. With over 850 Spaces worldwide, American Spaces provide access to the latest, in-depth information about the United States, connecting Americans and host citizens in engaging discussions on U.S. policy, society and values.



### SPACES for Conversations

Hosted in embassies, schools, libraries, and other partner institutions worldwide, American Spaces provide welcoming environments where foreign visitors can connect and learn about the United States. U.S. experts, U.S. government officials, and other Americans engage visitors on U.S. policy and society. Alumni gather to share experiences and reconnect with America.



### SPACES for Information

American Spaces are platforms for teaching skills and providing information. Visitors can find answers to questions about the U.S. and issues of global concern. They can connect to the U.S. on sensitive but important issues – such as HIV/AIDS and human trafficking – through digital programs. Poster shows and other exhibits illustrate the diversity of American society. IIP-managed databases, publications, videos, photos, and speakers are key resources.



### SPACES for Engagement

A multifunctional platform for public diplomacy programs, American Spaces promote open dialogue, counteract negative preconceptions, and build bridges of understanding. Often located outside of capital cities, they introduce the U.S. to residents who have limited exposure to American culture and ideals. Foreign Service Officers speak to local audiences, and a field-based Information Resource Officer corps provides professional guidance to host institutions, identifies appropriate information resources, and trains both embassy and local staff on current methods to reach out to their audiences.

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## IIP The Bureau of International Information Programs

- Creates and supports the **ways and places** for the U.S. to have sustained conversations with foreign audiences.
- Provides the **products** that enable our posts to have those conversations.
- Manages the **infrastructure** to support it all.

